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County's economy is left to 'starve' by Clegg

By Steve Knight
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REGENERATION plans for Kent have taken yet another hit after the county failed to win a single penny from the £450 million Regional Growth Fund.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and Tory Lord Michael Heseltine have provisionally accepted 50 bids for support from firms and partnerships across the UK, but the South East region has once again been almost entirely forgotten while the bulk of the cash heads north.

Of 17 applications from the Kent, Essex and East Sussex Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area, only one – for the e2v Technologies firm in Essex – was successful.

It is thought at least six Kent bids, including one related to the Port of Sheerness and another to upgrade the railway line between Canterbury and Ashford, were turned down.

The announcement marks the fourth week running that Kent has been snubbed by the Government following controversial decisions relating to the allocation of Enterprise Zones and the "fire sale" of assets currently owned by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda).

"The fact the South East generates the most money to the Exchequer has been to our own disadvantage," said Jo

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I CAN'T SEE KENT FROM HERE: Deputy PM Nick Clegg left Kent businesses out of growth plans

CHILD PROTECTION

'I'll solve child service issues'

THE man brought in to turn around Kent County Council's troubled child protection service – at a cost to taxpayers of £1,250 a day – says he "comes with solutions".

Malcolm Newsam has vowed to reverse a declining service that is currently rated as 'poor'. **PAGE 5**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

999 crashes cost millions

EMERGENCY vehicles have been involved in more than 2,100 accidents on Kent's roads in the last three years.

A special KoS investigation shows repairs to police cars, fire engines, ambulances and other vehicles have cost taxpayers millions of pounds over the last 36 months. **PAGE 7**

SPORT

League duo to join Kent cup

GILLINGHAM and Charlton Athletic are set to be play in next season's Kent Senior Cup.

The Football League duo once played in the competition and have been asked to rejoin to help raise the profile of the 122-year-old cup. The two clubs are to confirm their entry at this year's final. **PAGE 113**

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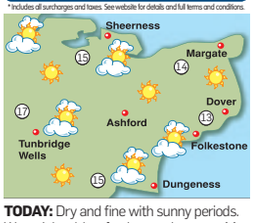

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SCHOOLS

Education chiefs make fresh bids to Gove for school rebuild projects

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EDUCATION chiefs have made their case to Education Secretary Michael Gove for restoring axed Building Schools for the Future projects in Kent.

Two months ago Kent County Council defeated the Government in a joint legal action with five other local authorities after proving that Mr Gove failed to consult with them before scrapping the £55 billion scheme last July.

Mr Gove was forced to reconsider some of the axed projects as a result, and set a deadline of of Monday, April 11, for the victorious councils to provide him with "any and all" information about the ones they would like him to take a closer look at.

KCC's submission includes extensive details on 15 secondary schools – all but one of which are in either Thanet or Gravesham – that were next in line to receive BSF funding.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said he was confident Mr Gove was revisiting his decision in a "fair and thorough way".

He added: "We agree the Building Schools for the Future programme was bureaucratic and costly, and have suggested ways of delivering first class schools far more efficiently.

"Indeed, our calculations will deliver greater efficiencies than those flagged up in the recent James Review. Let's prove what can be delivered for much less public money.

"We have been able to demonstrate this in our response and highlight our excellent track record of delivering innovative projects, on time and on budget.

"So many schools and young people were left disappointed by the original decision last July.

"Let's hope our new submission and the potential of providing 21st century schools at much-reduced costs will see the green light for these projects."

The BSF project was introduced by the previous Labour government in 2003 in an attempt to improve every secondary school in the country.

Kent's overall programme – the largest building scheme in Europe – was worth an estimated £1.8bn.

The 14 that will be reconsidered by Mr Gove were all 'Wave Four' projects that were at the most advanced stages of planning at the time the project was axed.

The Thanet schools on the list include Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School Federation, Ramsgate; the Foreland Special School, Broadstairs; Hartsdown Technology College, Margate; Northwood Centre, Ramsgate; Laleham Gap School, Margate; Stone Bay School, Broadstairs; Ursuline College, Westgate-on-Sea; St Anthony's School, Margate; and the Ellington and Hereson School, which is based across two sites in Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

The Gravesham schools are Gravesend Grammar School; Gravesend Grammar School for Girls; Meopham School; and St George's Church of England School, Gravesend.

Portal House School in Dover is also on the list.

DEFEATED: Michael Gove ditched £55bn project to build schools

REGENERATION

'Disappointed would not be the right word'

Continued from front

James, the chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

"The Government should be looking at an area that has created wealth and be supporting it further, not starving it off so other parts of the country can be brought up to our level."

Four weeks ago the Government decided against making East Kent an Enterprise Zone (EZ), despite the expected loss of up to 5,000 jobs from Pfizer.

Days later it emerged that ministers expect to allocate no more than one Enterprise Zone per LEP area for its 10 remaining EZs, meaning Kent could be penalised for being part of one of the country's largest LEPs.

And last week the county was further hit by the news that land and property owned by Seeda will be sold to the highest bidder rather than passed to councils, sparking fears regeneration projects could be delayed.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter has repeatedly warned the Government to not be fooled into thinking the South East is entirely prosperous and does not have pockets of deprivation in need of financial support.

He said: "I think the message is slowly getting through but it was Michael Heseltine and others whose job it was to sift through the Regional Growth Fund applications, and Nick Clegg who made the final decision. So no matter what other ministers want to do, it's the panel that will decide.

"Disappointed would not be the right word because I was not very optimistic bearing in mind the noises from certain people in the Government that the South East would not be a significant recipient of the fund.

"But just because it sees us as having a prosperous economy does not mean we shouldn't have an even more prosperous economy. Why not grow what we've already got? That would be a better use of public money."

Kent Labour spokesman Paul Clark said: "The view the South East is already successful and doesn't need help was the same in the mid-1990s. It took 13 years for us to change that, but now it seems the clocks have been turned back."

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CHARITY

Capital gains with marathon effort by big-hearted runners

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HEARTBREAKING stories of bravery and survival will be carried in the minds and hearts of a host of runners from the county as they pound the streets in the London Marathon on Sunday.

They will join more than 35,000 others taking part in the 26.2-mile event which raises millions for charity.

Tony Barrance, from Rochester, 35, aims to become the fastest person to dribble a football around the gruelling course, while raising money for Asthma UK. He has seen his son suffer from the illness and is determined to help others.

Mr Barrance said: "My son Ryan has asthma and has been in hospital. I can't describe how terrifying it is to see your child having a severe asthma attack."

Another pulling on the trainers will be student-teacher Sally Maggs. The 37-year-old from Dover has suffered from arthritis since her teens and endured another health blow last year when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

After undergoing treatment and recovering from the illness, Mrs Maggs decided to run the marathon to raise money for the Willow Foundation, which makes dreams come true for young people with life-threatening conditions by organising special days out and trips.

Two Strood firefighters more used to tackling emergencies in Medway will swap hoses for running gear as they look to finish the run.

Alan Brown, 44, will be running in memory of his baby daughter, who died after premature birth. The watch manager will be running the capital's streets with colleague Symon Wildgoose for the Richard House Children's Hospice.

The Starlight Children's Foundation will be well represented with brothers Luke and Ben Edmonds from Herne Bay, Justin Baker from Sevenoaks and Jennifer Winstanley from Folkestone, all running and raising money for the charity.

Meanwhile, one runner is offering people the chance to sponsor him and choose his music playlist for the event. Phil Wilson, 51, from Rochester, is auctioning off space on his MP3 player with three- to four-minute time slots costing £5. Money will go to Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Kaylee Lovie, 37, a specialist diabetic nurse from West Wickham, and Nigel Jenner, 40, from Marden, who has type one diabetes, will both be raising funds for Diabetes UK, as will entertainer Joe Pasquale, from Higham. And running his first marathon will be 41-year-old father-of-three Tom Langlands, from Folkestone, on behalf of St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne.

IN THE RUNNING: Clockwise from top left: Kaylee Lovie, Tom Langlands, Ben and Luke Edmonds

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guilty of death threats

A PILOT has been convicted of threatening to kill UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage following a plane crash.

A jury found Justin Adams guilty of making five threats relating to Mr Farage, from Westerham, near Sevenoaks, and crash investigator Martin James after the accident on the day of last year's General Election.

The court heard how the defendant threatened to shoot Mr Farage for "generating PR" from the crash, which almost ended in tragedy.

He will be sentenced in the week of May 9.

Wife murder charge

A MAN from Thanet has been charged with the murder of his wife.

Gary Walker, 41, of Grant Close, Broadstairs, is accused of killing his wife, Natalie, 34, of the same address, on March 5.

He appeared before magistrates in Margate and was remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone Crown Court on Tuesday, April 26.

NHS reforms backed

A FORMER Kent Labour MP who also works as a doctor has voiced support for the Coalition's controversial NHS reforms.

Howard Stoate, who stepped down as Dartford MP at the last General Election, told the BBC he was in favour of GPs being given more power as a result of primary care trusts being scrapped.

On Wednesday, the Royal College of Nursing gave a vote of no confidence to Health Secretary Andrew Lansley over the proposals.

FINANCE

County Hall and taxpayers boosted by Iceland bank £50m court ruling

AN ICELANDIC court ruling has edged Kent County Council a step closer to recovering most of the £50 million frozen in the country.

The authority has so far recovered only a fraction of the money it had tied up in Iceland's banking system, which collapsed in September, 2008.

So far, KCC has received £9.1m from the UK-based Heritable bank, which owes £18m, but nothing of the £17m placed with Landsbanki or £15m with Glitnir.

A court case in Iceland last week concluded local authorities should be considered as preferential creditors when it comes to distributing the assets of the latter two banks.

But KCC cabinet member for finance, Cllr John Simmonds, said it would be two to three years until the majority of the cash had been recovered.

He said: "There's a chance of an appeal because there are quite a few bond-holders who will be miffed. We felt the judgement was clear, but they've got a lot at stake as well.

"If there is an appeal, we have been told a final verdict would be delivered by the end of June, but it will probably take about three years for the assets to unravel anyway.

"We always forecast we'd recover 90-92 per cent of the money, but it may even be a bit more if the economy picks up over the next few years."

Cllr Simmonds said that despite the £50m being the most lost by any local authority in the UK, it had had no effect on the running of the council.

He said: "There's always about £250m-plus in our coffers so we have been able to manage the cash flow without having to cut back what we do. It hasn't affected frontline services and had nothing to do with this year's budget.

"Things would have been different if we'd lost the money because we would have had to boost reserves somehow."

The Local Government Association said the court ruling meant taxpayers in the UK could see savings of as much as £400m as a result.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

'I know how to tackle issues in KCC's child protection'

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THE troubleshooter brought in to tackle Kent's child protection woes says he will take no prisoners in turning the service around.

Last year Kent County Council received a 'poor' rating as part of Ofsted's annual assessment of children's services, which followed an earlier inspection that rated the authority's safeguarding and looked-after children services as "inadequate".

The situation worsened this week when it was revealed that 327 at-risk youngsters had gone missing from a system that already contained 2,700 who had not been allocated a case worker.

But despite the obstacles in his path, Malcolm Newsam – the interim managing director of children, families and education – says he is positive KCC can turn things around.

He said: "The big advantage of being on a short-term contract is that I can come in and be entirely focused on what needs to be done and tell it like it is. If I upset people, so be it. My only job is to improve the service as much as possible.

"Short-term managers like me can hold a mirror up to an organisation and say, 'This is what needs to happen', and KCC is receptive to that.

"Because I have experience in turning other child protection services around, I come with solutions I know have worked."

Last month KoS exclusively revealed how KCC was paying an employment agency £1,250 a day for the services of Mr Newsam, who started on January 4 and is expected to remain until the autumn.

His predecessor, Rosalind Turner, took voluntary redundancy when her job title was removed as part of a restructure of senior management. Mr Newsam says his immediate goals include clearing up a huge backlog of referrals, improving leadership among the team, and making sure Kent is seen as a good place for social workers to practice. But he warned there was no quick fix in turning the service around.

"Every council I work in wants things to get better immediately," he said. "But I always have to say that while we will concentrate on taking risk out of the system as soon as possible, there are no silver bullets. It's a long-term project, the first phase of which is to take the millstone off social workers. That's why we are bringing in a team of 30 who will move around the county to help remove the backlog, hopefully by the end of August. It should take 12 months for the service to be immeasurably better, but it's going to take two to three years to get where the council wants to be, which is an Ofsted rating of 'good' or 'outstanding'. We've got to get out of the hole we've dug and we absolutely will be able to achieve that."

■ **See next week's Talking Point for more on Kent's child protection problems.**

ELECTION DELAY ANGER

OPPOSITION leaders have accused Kent's ruling Tory group of sweeping the council's child protection failings under the carpet.

Lib Dem Cllr Trudy Dean and Labour's Cllr Leslie Christie are angry at not being allowed to discuss the plan for improving services to children at risk until after the local elections on May 5.

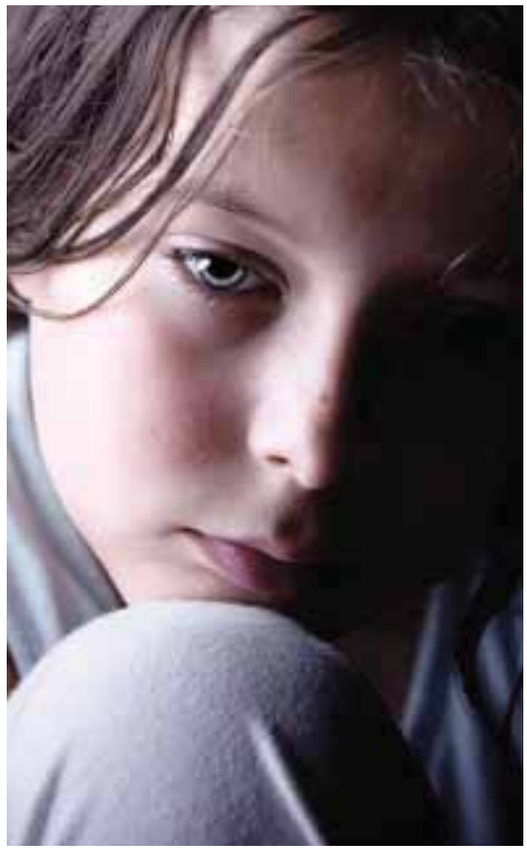
Cllr Dean said: "KCC must explain how its services failed these children so miserably and what it is intending to do about it. Sweeping it under the carpet just makes people think there is more to hide.

"Twenty-four hours after (KCC leader) Paul Carter told us the council would be open about these serious failings, I was told we were not allowed to question councillors and officers. It is an attempt to keep this out of the public eye until after the May 5 elections, which is outrageous."

Cllr Dean is chair of the cabinet scrutiny committee and had been hoping to discuss the improvement plan at last Wednesday's meeting, but has been told she must wait until after the next cabinet meeting on May 23.

Cabinet member for specialist children's services Cllr Jenny Whittle said she was "incandescent" at the assumption that KCC was not being transparent.

Cllr Whittle said it was she who revealed there were 2,700 at-risk children who had no allocated case worker, adding that Cllrs Dean and Christie had been invited to sit on one of three new panels set up to oversee the improvements.



AT RISK: There are no quick fixes in turning around Kent's troubled child protection service but interim MD Malcolm Newsam, below, says improving matters will be the main focus of his team's efforts and they will succeed

NEWS IN BRIEF

Racist abuse of PC

A TEENAGER from Maidstone received a hefty fine after being found guilty of racially abusing a policeman.

Caleb White, 19, of Quarry Road, was told to pay £515 by county town magistrates after being found guilty of racial abuse and harassment.

Magistrates heard White levelled a tirade of insults at PC Gabriel Chandler when the officer went to his home on December 27, last year, including threatening to pour water on the officer from a first-floor window.

The court was played a recording of White making racist comments and found him guilty.

Det Sgt Tristan Stevens, of the hate crime unit, said: "Racial abuse will be robustly dealt with by Kent Police regardless of who the victim is. No officer should ever have to tolerate such abuse for simply doing their job. "

Calling student bands

STUDENT bands are being offered the chance to line up alongside the likes of Katherine Jenkins and McFly.

Demelza Hospice Care is holding its first Music on the Hill festival, on June 24-26, and schools and colleges are invited to select their favourite student band for a chance to take part.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Maidstone crowds deadpan funnymen say top comedians

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PRETTY much all Northern clubs are renowned for having tough comedy audiences, but it turns out Maidstone is actually one of the hardest places to make people laugh, according to a survey of stand-up comics.

Researchers interrogated some of Britain's best-loved comedians and asked where the nation's most humourless audiences live.

The majority voted for the Merseyside region, claiming audience members often think they are funnier than the acts they've paid to go and see.

Nottingham was voted as the second hardest place to crack, amazingly followed by our county town of Maidstone.

The study was commissioned by cable TV channel Dave, which calls itself the home of witty banter, to mark the launch of the Dave's One Night Stand series.

More than 100 comedians took part in the research including Bill Bailey, Jo Brand, Tim Vine, Dave Gorman, Rhod Gilbert, Mark Watson, Jason Byrne and Greg Davies.

They said that the South East is the third best region for political jokes, and top for satirical humour.

The 18-25 year olds are the gloomiest because as one said: "Young audiences are often too busy texting to listen."

In contrast, the ideal age range for a comedy audience was said to be 26-33 year olds.

Dave's channel boss, Steve North said "Being a stand up has to be one of the hardest jobs in the world. And these guys do it for fun."

In 2008 funnyman Alan Carr branded Maidstone racist, sexist and homophobic, and said its audiences were the worst he had faced.

He said: "They hated me. It was full of homophobic narrow-minded morons.

Picture: DAVID DJ JOHNSON

NOT FUNNY: The survey by cable TV channel Dave reveals that chatty man Alan Carr is not alone in his dislike of Maidstone audiences

"And it wasn't just me. If you were black or Asian, you got racist abuse."

Carr – the son of former Maidstone United manager Graham Carr – claimed he might get away with attending a book signing in the town "because half the people there can't read".

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EXCLUSIVE

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EMERGENCY vehicles have been involved in more than 2,100 accidents on Kent's roads in the last three years.

Figures released to KoS under the Freedom of Information Act show repairs to police cars, fire engines, ambulances and other vehicles cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds every year. Kent Police have spent £1.1 million in repairs and third-party injury claims since April, 2008.

Jo Bullock, of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said: "There are ways of working and driving that are unique to emergency vehicles, so it's important emergency services manage the risk their employees create on the road.

"It's important accidents are properly investigated to find out how and why they occurred and measures taken to prevent them happening again – but not all accidents involving emergency vehicles are caused by them."

Of the 2,166 accidents in the last three years, about 55 per cent (1,194) involved Kent Police. The force recorded 396 collisions between April 1, 2010, and March 8, 2011, compared with 411 for the whole of 2009-10 and 387 for 2008-09.

Of the £1.1m paid out, £828,012 was spent on repairs to its own vehicles, with £220,510 on third-party repairs and £99,977 on third-party injury claims.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams said: "All police drivers undertake training that follows national guidelines and complies with the recommendations of the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Independent Police Complaints Commission," he said.

"We examine every accident thoroughly and that may include a review of an officer's capability and performance.

"Where circumstances justify it, an officer's right to drive police vehicles may be removed.

"The vast majority of cases are classed as very minor damage but have to be reported."

Last month, an emergency driving course delivered by Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) received recognition from the Institute of Advanced Motorists, but crews have still been involved in 559 accidents in the last three years.

Total cost to the taxpayer was £224,386, although 165 of the accidents were minor and required no repairs. A KFRS official said they were pleased the number of accidents had reduced from 239 in 2009-10 to 163 in the last financial year up to February 28.

She added: "The majority of incidents occur at very low speed, while manoeuvering in confined spaces. Very few occur during emergency responses.

"However, any incident is treated seriously and investigated. Staff receive regular refresher training and all drivers undergo regular licence checks and risk assessments."

South East Coast Ambulance Service revealed its vehicles have been involved in 413 accidents in Kent between April, 2008, and February, this year.

In 2010 service responded to 175,609 emergency calls and recorded 132 accidents.

A spokesman said: "The number of collisions each year accounts for less than one per cent of responses.

"All frontline staff receive extensive training in how to drive under emergency conditions and any collision is thoroughly investigated."

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CRIME

'Depraved' rapist sentenced for brutal attack in the 1980s

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A VICIOUS rapist who subjected a young woman to a terrifying sex attack more than 22 years ago has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

James Robertson, 58, was found guilty of the rape of the 20-year-old victim in Canterbury on August 20, 1988, after a trial this week.

He had finally been linked to the crime after a DNA match. It took a jury at Canterbury Crown Court just five-and-a-half hours to find him guilty. He must serve a minimum term of seven-and-a-half years.

Robertson, who was married with a daughter, had been working as a meat inspector with Canterbury City Council at the time. He had also moonlighted as a bouncer in the city's nightclubs.

Upon sentencing, Judge Adele Williams said: "You are a depraved and dangerous man. You acted in a cold and calculated manner. You will remain in prison until it is considered you no longer remain a danger to women.

"The victim has regretted the decision to get into that car to this day. You left her sore and bruised but you left her with more mental than physical harm. You defiled and degraded her."

BOUNCER: Rapist James Robertson

The court also heard how he had also previously been convicted of murder in Scotland, and assaulting a police officer in 1971. He was released in 1982.

A jury heard how the young woman, now 42, had been out with friends in the city centre on the evening the attack happened. After having an argument with a friend Robertson approached her and offered her a lift home.

But instead of taking an agreed route, he drove out of the city to rural locations near to Littlebourne and then Nackington Road, where, for more than two hours, he assaulted and raped her before leaving her in the town centre.

The victim reported the assault and police began their investigations but no one was charged.

After the sex attack Robertson moved to Preston, Lancashire, where he attacked a workmate in an Indian restaurant with an axe. He was jailed in September, 2002, and released four years later. Police took a sample of his DNA and matched it in 2009.

The Cold Case Investigation team from Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate reinvestigated the incident and in March, 2010, charged Robertson with rape, actual bodily harm and indecent assault.

Robertson of Spring Street, Rishton, Lancashire, was charged with rape and indecent assault following a re-examination of DNA samples taken in 1988

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The victim said she was "overjoyed" at the sentence.

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ROYAL WEDDING

Bandmaster's expert ear tuned in for big day

By Mathew Beech
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A RETIRED bandmaster who played at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana will be listening to this month's Royal Wedding with a keen ear.

Peter Kane, 60, who was bandmaster at the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover for more than 20 years, played as part of the trombone fanfare at the 1981 Royal Wedding. The former soldier, originally from Belfast but now living in Dover, was invited to play at the ceremony because he was a music student at Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall in London.

Mr Kane said: "I will be watching the Royal Wedding and will definitely compare it because that is what I have been trained to do.

"I will be listening to hear if it is as good as when we did it. We were just a small part of a big occasion but were all hoping that our part went as well as possible."

The trombonist was enrolled on a three-year bandmaster course at the Royal Military School of Music in 1981 when a group was invited to play at St Paul's Cathedral wedding on July 29.

Despite months of preparation, the musicians had just two full rehearsals before playing to a global audience of 750 million.

Mr Kane said: "Charles and Diana chose us at Kneller Hall to play at their wedding, possibly because we covered all different grades and came from all the regiments in the Army.

"We had six months of intensive practice on the fanfare trombone and played a lot of music that had been written over the previous 50 years. We only had two songs on the day: I Was Glad and the National Anthem.

"We had one rehearsal with the choir at St Paul's and our second was the dress rehearsal with Charles and Diana.

"Charles had chosen I Was Glad and was listening to check it was how he remembered it."

The then 30-year-old trainee bandmaster never imagined he would end up performing at a royal wedding.

Mr Kane said: "I will always remember that. I never imagined that would be where my course would take me.

"We would often play for Royalty at events and functions, but this was the icing on the cake."

After his career in the military, Mr Kane moved to Dover to become bandmaster at the Duke of York's in 1990 until his retirement in 2009.

During his time at the school, the young musicians performed at many high profile events.

Mr Kane said: "I carried on the high standards I was set and the children rose to the occasion.

"They have performed at Lords at the England v New Zealand game and also at Twickenham for the annual Army and Navy match.

"It has given them a good foothold and something to build from."

WEDDING: Mr Kane (left) will be listening to Kate's special day
Picture: NICK WARNER

CHILDREN

Sure Start centres reprieved

KENT County Council has said all 97 of its Sure Start centres will remain open.

The centres offer a range of services including childcare, antenatal classes and baby clinics, with many facing closure elsewhere in the UK due to Government cuts.

Cabinet member Cllr Jenny Whittle said: "I know how important children's centres are and want them all to remain open. They had dedicated funding but this is now part of a wider grant, which has been reduced. Our priority is to maintain frontline services where they are needed most.

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IMMIGRATION

'Communities going to pay for police cuts'

By Steve Knight
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SHADOW Home Secretary Yvette Cooper says the Prime Minister is being "irresponsible" with his promises to tackle immigration.

The former Labour cabinet member paid a visit to Margate just hours after David Cameron said he planned to cut the number of people entering the UK from "hundreds of thousands to tens of thousands", but Ms Cooper told KoS she believes he has no idea how he is going to do it.

She said: "Cameron's not being straight with people on this, and there seems to be a very big gap between reality and rhetoric. He hasn't set any workable policies, and the Lib Dems are saying they don't think its part of their policy at all.

"He's grandstanding and I don't think that's responsible. It's not fair on the public who won't know what's going on.

CRITICAL: Yvette Cooper

"Another thing that will particularly affect Kent is the planned cuts to the UK Border Agency by 5,000 people, that's going to make it much harder to keep track of and tackle illegal immigration."

Ms Cooper – the wife of shadow chancellor Ed Balls – was elected to Parliament in 1997 and was work and pensions secretary prior to Labour's defeat in the general election.

She was in Margate to speak with residents about the forthcoming cuts to police budgets, which Kent Police has warned will lead to the loss of 500 officers and 1,000 support staff.

"Chief constables have been put in impossible positions through the sheer size and scale of the cuts," said Ms Cooper. "The Government is taking unfair risks and it's communities like Margate that will pay.

"We've seen a 40 per cent drop in crime over the last 14 years or so but I think most people would say it's still too high and that we should be bringing it down further. Having more police on the streets does make a difference and the fact the Government doesn't seem to realise this shows how out of touch they are.

"You can't underestimate how awful it is to spend your life being afraid of crime."

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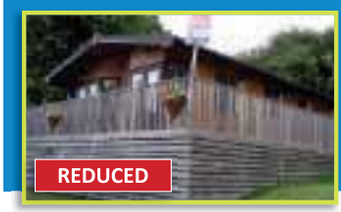

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CREATIVE VENTURE: Margate's Old Town has been extensively revamped

REGENERATION

Turner can turn the tide for classic seaside resort

By Marijke Cox
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FROM East Enders to literary and creative heavyweights, Margate was once the place to be for hundreds of holidaymakers escaping the daily grind.

But a new breed of tourism in the form of the package holiday and tough competition from richer counterparts, including Brighton and Bournemouth, saw the town slip into decay, leaving it a shadow of its glory days of the 1950s and '60s.

Yet the faded resort is about to stage a comeback, according to tourism chiefs, heralding the start of a new era centred around the Turner Contemporary art gallery, which opens to its first visitors this weekend.

But the resurgence is about more than just the Turner, says Thanet council chief executive Richard Samuel.

With an impressive programme of work – called Creative Margate, costing £100,000 and led by the Margate Renewal Partnership – extensive improvements have been made to the town, including a revamped Marine Gardens and seafront, as well as additional business support which has helped attract 20 new ventures to the Old Town.

"Margate is changing and there's never been a better time to visit," said Mr Samuel.

"This is an exciting time, with the opening of a major new gallery set to draw thousands of people to the area, all eyes will be on our seaside town.

"The opening of the Turner Contemporary has been a great catalyst for regeneration and the town has started to flourish.

"Over the last 18 months we've seen almost 20 new businesses set up residence in Margate's Old Town. In the current economic climate that speaks for itself.

"I hope this weekend will encourage those who haven't been to Margate for a while to rediscover what the original seaside resort has to offer and to see for themselves how much the town has started to change."

The Old Town has undergone an extensive makeover in the last two years, with retro and niché boutiques, galleries, cafés, bars and restaurants opening up for visitors and residents.

In anticipation of the opening of the Turner Contemporary, the Creative Margate project focused on 10 priority areas to improve.

Eyesores such as the Arcadian and Fort Road Hotel were targeted as well as the railway station forecourt.

Business owners were helped to market and rejuvenate empty shop premises, and a wide range of small scale improvements were rolled out across town.

This included new signs, additional litter bins, an overhaul of seafront shelters and putting up bunting and banners. Hoardings by Arlington House boasting bright artwork have also been unveiled.

Mr Samuel said: "Getting Margate ready for the opening of the Turner Contemporary has been a top priority.

"With the gallery set to be a top destination for people far and wide, the town really needed to be ready to accommodate a dramatic increase in visitors.

"All the agencies involved have worked so hard getting us to this point.

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ing work, the programme of support to local businesses, the repairing and repainting of the walkway to the station or the installation of new bins and signs in the town, it's been a really great effort all round.

"I can't wait to see thousands of people enjoying their trip to the original seaside resort."

The Turner opening event on Saturday is expected to attract a record-breaking number of visitors to the town.

A programme of free events is being held, including a daredevil stunt show at the Dreamland Heritage site on Sunday, April 24; an Easter beer festival at the Winter Gardens on Friday and Saturday, April 22-23; and a golden Easter egg hunt at Hartsdown on Sunday, April 24.

The first 10 days of the gallery opening will also feature an array of free family exhibitions, live music, and performances as part of Turner Contemporary's You Are Here spectacular.

Margate Renewal Partnership director Derek Harding said: "This is going to be a huge boost for Margate and the whole area. We want to involve key local businesses to show them the benefits we believe Turner Contemporary will bring to Thanet."

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RICHARD SAMUEL, ON TURNER OPENING

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Sixth formers looking into the causes of MS

A BIOLOGY teacher is looking to continue and expand a unique research project for sixth form students.

Dr David Colthurst from Simon Langton Grammar School, in Canterbury, got almost 100 students actively researching the causes of and characteristics of Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Dr Colthurst spearheaded the project after his wife was diagnosed with MS and is now aiming to renew funding for the scheme, and to roll out similar research projects in other schools.

The former biochemist was inspired to start up the initiative for the A-level students after his wife was diagnosed with MS in 2007. He tried various avenues to set the project up and finally received funding from the Wellcome Trust.

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HEALTH

Trust successful in improving physical health of mentally ill

By Jenna Pudelek
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MEASURES brought in to improve the physical health of patients with serious mental illness in Kent – whose life expectancy is reduced by up to 25 years – have begun to take effect.

Figures show that programmes to improve health and wellbeing among patients, who have conditions including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, have seen more than a third stop or reduce smoking, and more than a fifth reduce their alcohol intake.

More than half of those with serious mental illness have also increased their physical activity.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, which provides mental health services in the county, began work to address the physical health of people with severe mental illness as far back as 2006. The group was known to suffer from poor physical health, with the main cause of death cardiovascular disease. They are also more likely to suffer from type 2 diabetes.

Donna Eldridge, the trust's head of nursing, said: "There are a number of reasons. People with serious mental illness can be difficult to engage in services and may not want to go to their GP. Then there is the area around the mental health drugs used to treat them, which come with side-effects. There is also a lack of physical activity."

RESULTS: The scheme has begun to show improvements in physical health

She said many of the lifestyle choices affecting their physical health were related to mental illness.

"Some of our clients are not engaged in the community or will not go out," she said. "They become withdrawn and tend to smoke and drink more."

Researchers at the University of East Anglia carried out a study on the physical health of people with serious mental illness based on the trust's work with service users. Among the 782 people taking part in the wellbeing programme, two-thirds were overweight or obese, and a disproportionate number suffered from diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

During the research, carried out in 2008, they found the patients did not do enough exercise, had a poor diet, smoked and drank alcohol excessively. This combined to reduce their life expectancy by 25 years.

But since the study was carried out, Mrs Eldridge said things have improved

Although she admitted it has proved hard to keep patients engaged with the Healthy Choices programme. She said participation was voluntary and more than the 782 patients involved in the research were now taking part.

Professor Richard Gray of UEA's School of Nursing and Midwifery, who led the report, found that mental health nurses did not tend to be skilled at managing the physical health of patients and often do not lead a healthy lifestyle themselves.

Mrs Eldridge said: "I wouldn't say they weren't doing enough. It's very difficult. Other kinds of things came in, such as cognitive behavioural therapy, sometimes the emphasis just shifted."

HEALTH

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The free children's craft workshop on Thursday, April 21, will mark the upcoming nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Children can make their own special wedding hat to wear when they celebrate the ceremony on April 29.

The workshop will take place in the main square, in front of Costa Coffee, between 10am and 4pm.

TRAVEL

Cyclist harnesses force

By Steve Knight
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WHEN a powerful tornado ripped through the tiny American town of Little Rock, Iowa, it left a trail of devastation in its wake.

Houses were demolished, pig farms flattened and electricity pylons uprooted by last June's twister, which reached Force 4 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale of intensity.

But despite hitting wind speeds of up to 200mph, the tornado failed to shake the resolve of a Canterbury filmmaker who was in the middle of a round-the-world charity bike ride.

Having now returned to the less hazardous surroundings of the Garden of England, 24-year-old Leon McCarron admitted he had made a lucky escape.

"Getting caught up in that tornado was obviously one of the more memorable moments of my journey," he said.

"I could see it approaching the town where I had been camping, and I had to quickly pack my tent away before some kindly people took me into their storm bunker.

"We watched it destroy their whole town – including the spot where my tent would have been – and I felt very lucky to be alive the next day.

"It was obviously pretty terrible for the people who lived there though.

"I spent the day after trying to help them clear up the damage, but some houses were completely flattened and trees had been scattered hundreds of miles across the countryside.

"It was very lucky that no-one was injured or killed."

Despite his concern for the people of Little Rock, Leon admitted the tornado had provided him with some excellent footage for a documentary he is making about the epic bike ride.

Departing from New York City on April 10 last year, the first 6,000 miles saw the former University of Kent student travel across North America to Vancouver and down the west coast to Mexico.

A 2,000-mile journey across both islands of New Zealand would be followed by 2,500 miles along the east coast of Australia and then a flight to Bangkok.

HAPPY: Leon McCarron in Hong Kong on the Asian section of his ride

> **I just wanted to have a good old-fashioned adventure**
>
> LEON McCARRON, ON HIS JOURNEY

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# of tornado for film

EXPLORER: Cyclist Leon McCarron saw first-hand the devastation caused by a tornado (centre) during his round the world charity bike ride

The final stretch of his amazing journey, which ended at London's St Paul's Cathedral on March 5, also covered destinations including Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China and Paris.

"I just wanted to have a good old-fashioned adventure," said Leon.

"Also the jobs market is pretty saturated at the moment, so following my graduation in 2008 I thought I would take the initiative and set myself apart from everyone else.

"I'd like to turn the footage I captured into a feature-length documentary or even something for TV. I've decided to write a book about it as well, so it's all pretty exciting."

Leon has so far raised about £3,500 for children's charity Unicef.

He is already thinking of new ways to feed his appetite for adventure, but admits he will be hard-pressed to top some of his recent experiences.

Leon said: "My two favourite places were New Zealand and Cambodia.

"New Zealand has lots of beautiful scenery and reminded me of parts of the Kent countryside where I did my practice rides, and the people there are so lovely and welcoming.

"Cambodia was a different culture to anything I've ever experienced before.

"I spent Christmas Day there and watched the sun come up on my own, it was so peaceful and beautiful."

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Photographer zooms in on our coastline

A KAYAKER has combined his passion for the sea with his love of photography to create a unique exhibition showcasing the Kent coastline.

Mat Mackenzie, from Folkestone, has exploited the opportunities of capturing images from a sea kayak, which enables him to get up close and personal with wildlife and take pictures of the county's coast while out on the water.

He is showcasing a series of his favourite images as part of an exhibition called A Selective Retrospective, which runs until May 3.

"It draws inspiration from my connection with the sea and rural coastline and includes stunning landscapes and seascapes, as well as some more abstract images," he said.

"Central to my philosophy is through stillness and quiet reflection we can all reconnect more deeply with the beauty of our environment to achieve a more peaceful way of being."

The free exhibition is at Folkestone's Chimaera Gallery in Tontine Street.

Water sports enthusiast Mr Mackenzie said his

exhibition will comprise of landscape, nature and macro photography, or close-up shots.

"Each picture will be accompanied by a description and a little about why I chose it," he said. "Images from both the Folkestone area and further afield have been selected."

Mr Mackenzie has a background in IT and runs technology and photography website.

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SURROGACY

Proud mother explains how niece managed to give birth to her cousin

By Chris Murphy
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A NEW mother aged 42 has spoken of the moment she asked her long-lost niece to carry her baby using 'home insemination'.

The result was a gorgeous baby daughter.

Sandra Barlow, who lives near Maidstone with her husband Chris, 50, said her fallopian tubes had fused, making it impossible for her to have her own baby.

In desperation, she turned to Emma Vaughan, 29, to carry baby Maia and when Emma said yes, she effectively gave birth to her own cousin. Emma provided her eggs, and her uncle Chris supplied the sperm, which was inserted at home. It was the happy conclusion of a 15-year nightmare for Sandra, who now has a 15-month-old daughter.

The couple had tried conventional IVF treatment, but after spending around £40,000 on seven attempts over five years, it seemed Sandra was destined to remain childless. There were two miscarriages.

They needed help and remembered Emma, the daughter of Sandra's brother Jim. The women had lost touch years ago when Emma's parents split up. Some 11 years later when Jim died, they were reunited at his funeral.

After discussing her brainwave of using Emma as a surrogate with Chris, Sandra plucked up the courage to ask and was delighted when Emma, who already had several children of her own, jumped at the chance.

At her home, Sandra, a catering company manager, said: "Maia is here now and is quite happy. It all went as it should have done I would guess. It was a weird experience but well worth it in the end."

They took advice from a surrogate agency on how to proceed and signed a surrogacy agreement, even though it is not recognised by law. Emma moved in with Sandra and the new 'mum' applied for a parental order when Maia was born. But it took many attempts before Emma fell pregnant in June, 2009.

Sandra said: "It took 17 goes at the artificial insemination, you do one every month. They are home inseminations – we do them ourselves. It's not the same as IVF. Without being crude, somebody provides a sample and it's placed in somebody else. They didn't have sex – it was just a transfer of matter shall we say.

"This is one of the reasons Emma moved in – she had to be available there and then."

Sandra said Maia has her father's looks and Emma's eyes, and the she is prepared to tell her daughter how she started her life when she's older.

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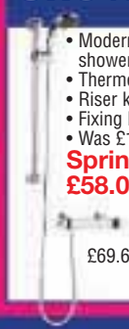

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JOB CUTS

900 threatened drugs giant staff handed 'at risk' notices

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SANDWICH MP Laura Sandys has urged Pfizer to improve support for contractors working at the stricken site after hundreds of employees were issued with 'at risk' notices.

The backbencher, who is part of a taskforce set up to lessen the economic impact of Pfizer's decision to leave Kent, said she remained concerned about their futures, despite welcoming the drugs giant's decision to grant an additional three months' redundancy pay to staff.

Her comments came as Pfizer announced some 900 workers were handed their 'at risk' notices in what could be the first wave of redundancies at the site.

A spokeswoman for the company stressed that any redundancy notices would not be served until after the 90-day consultation period, which started in February and ends on May 2. She was unable to comment on how many of those in the first wave would lose their jobs.

"Only after that date (the consultation) can colleagues who have been notified they are 'at risk' begin to receive notice of redundancy and this will occur at different times according to the needs and priorities of each area of the business," she said.

In February, bosses at Pfizer – which has been based at Sandwich for 53 years – announced the company would be leaving the site, putting 2,400 jobs at risk – rising to 5,000 when including contractors at the site.

A taskforce was set up by the Government, chaired by leader of Kent County Council Cllr Paul Carter, and involving Thanet South MP Laura Sandys and Thanet North MP Roger Gale.

A report was submitted last month outlining proposals to lessen the impact of Pfizer's departure on the local economy, but last Friday the company announced the beginning of the process of redundancy for the first wave of staff.

Ms Sandys was disappointed by the number of 'at risk' notices issued.

"Although we knew staff would be made redundant, the taskforce had pushed for more time to allow the community to re-adjust," she said.

The Pfizer spokeswoman stressed the company was doing all it could to help employees and implementing a redundancy enhancement equivalent to three months' pay.

She added: "This will provide increased financial flexibility and a longer period of financial certainty, thus enabling people to take the time to explore options locally and have greater financial ability to retrain and acquire new skills."

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EDUCATION

£50m to build state-of-the-art academy

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STUDENTS and staff at the Isle of Sheppey Academy are celebrating securing more than £50m towards two state-of-the-art buildings.

The academy's sponsors, Dulwich College and the Diocese of Canterbury, along with Kent County Council have secured government approval for £54m, which will see two buildings developed on the east and west of the island.

It will mean facilities at the academy, which specialises in business, enterprise and sport, will be among the best in the world.

They will include a media suite, drama and dance facilities, performance hall, sports hall and outdoor sporting facilities, as well as a vocational centre. Construction is due to start in May.

The academy's chairwoman of governors, Baroness Floella Benjamin, said: "This is fantastic news for the young people of Sheppey and will help us as we seek to transform education for generations to come."

The news comes alongside further funding which was secured by the Spires Academy near Canterbury. It has been granted £14m to spend on sports facilities and a central hub building.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, said: "I am delighted that Kent has secured £68m of government funding for these two academies.

"This is a real investment in the future of young people. You cannot underestimate the difference this will make to so many lives."

The Spires Academy is due to open in its new buildings in September, 2012 and Isle of Sheppey Academy in February, 2013.

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DEBT

Town halls call in debt collectors to tackle parking ticket late payers

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COUNCILS are using private bailiffs and debt collectors in an effort to reduce town halls' deficits.

So says civil liberty organisation, Big Brother Watch, which claimed Bromley used the practice most in Kent.

Using the Freedom of Information act, it has compiled a national list of the 320 councils that use bailiffs the most, and several Kent authorities make the chart.

In total, local councils in the UK have passed almost six million cases to debt collectors between 2007-10. The money outstanding is usually council tax and parking fines. Edinburgh, Glasgow and Birmingham are the top three with around a quarter of a million cases each.

But also making the list are Bromley at 29 with almost 47,000 cases; Thanet at 50 with more than 27,000; Bexley at 58 with almost 23,000; Gravesham at 87 with nearly 16,500; Canterbury at 102 on over 13,500; Dartford at 112 with 10,700; Maidstone at 142 on almost 9,000; Dover at 153 with 8,000; Sevenoaks at 171 with 7,000; Tonbridge and Malling at 177 with 6,500; and Ashford at 204 with 5,300.

The group said Medway did not respond, and neither did Shepway or Tunbridge Wells.

Big Brother director Daniel Hamilton said: "Sending in bailiffs should always be the last resort. The fact local councils have passed more than six million cases to bailiffs for matters as trivial as the late payment of council taxes and parking fines is truly shocking."

HEAVY HANDED: Are the authorities too quick to hire bailiffs to reclaim unpaid council tax bills?

Mr Hamilton added that 17 million debt recovery cases were processed last year.

Cllr Neil Reddin of Bromley Council said: "We always try and work with those who owe money to reach an agreement on how it can be repaid and the use of debt collectors and the courts are always a last resort. However, we have a reputation for managing our resources effectively.We take the responsibility to residents and council tax payers to ensure we collect any outstanding money seriously."

Thanet Council chief executive, Richard Samuel, added: "For us, it's a last resort to try and recover money, either for payment of bills like council tax or unpaid parking fines. If we didn't, there's every chance our collection rate would be lower and would impact on every taxpayer.

"As for Thanet using bailiffs more than other areas, there's a simple answer to that. We're a deprived area, which brings its own problems. If people can't pay, we'll work with them, but sadly, we have a minority of who won't pay."

A Maidstone Council spokesman said: "We always want to talk to residents and agree a payment plan. Only when all else fails do we resort to bailiffs."

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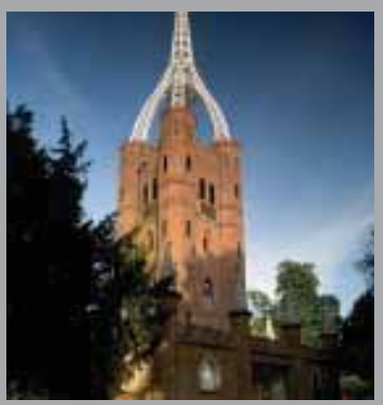

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DISASTER MEMORIAL

Firefighters to attend 1929 disaster memorial

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AN INTERVENTION by KoS has helped ensure Kent Fire and Rescue Service will be represented at a memorial event to mark the deaths more than 80 years ago of 15 people, including children and fire officers.

A relative of a victim of the 1929 Gillingham Park fire disaster, who has campaigned to have the deaths remembered in a permanent memorial, was concerned the fire service was set to miss the unveiling ceremony.

A year ago Canadian Lori Oschefski asked KoS to help promote her idea for a memorial. Then she became worried KFRS was not going to be represented at the ceremony, so she again asked KoS for help.

She said: "I am so excited the time is almost here for the July 10 unveiling of the memorial.

"Family are expected to attend from Canada, United States and across England."

But despite a flurry of phone calls and emails, she was concerned the fire service was ignoring her appeals to attend.

CAMPAIGNER: Lori Oschefski called on Kent Fire and Rescue to attend the unveiling of the Gillingham Park disaster memorial

From her home in Canada, she told KoS: "After several emails, I was left waiting for confirmation from the fire service, who I feel very strongly should be in attendance.

"All three of the firemen who died that day will be represented by family members. They also deserve to be acknowledged by their colleagues.

"They were in the park that day doing what community minded public servants should be doing more of, even today; collecting funds for a hospital."

But after KoS got in touch with the service, officials swung in to action. Within days, Lori's co-ordinator in Kent Elaine Nutton, a relative of two victims, received an email from Gary Stanford, the North Kent Group station manager, who wrote: "I can confirm a firefighting crew will be available to take part in the parade and attend the unveiling.

TRAGEDY: Burnt out 'house' and funeral after the Gillingham Park disaster which claimed 15 lives

"Perhaps we could meet up at nearer to the time to run through the plan and confirm what you'd like from us."

Lori said: "I can't thank KoS enough. The paper got the ball rolling and used its influence to get the Kent Fire Service respond to our invite."

The Gillingham Park fire disaster, also known as the Fireman's Wedding Disaster, happened on July 11, 1929, and was a public training exercise during the fete.

A 'happy couple' along with local children went in to a makeshift 'house' which was set alight in a controlled manner, and everyone inside was supposed to be rescued by the firemen. But the blaze got out of control killing 15 people.

While studying her family tree, Lori discovered she was related to a victim, and was angry there was no memorial in memory of the dead.

The memorial in Gillingham Park will be unveiled on July 10, the eve of the tragedy's 82nd anniversary. The day will start with a service at Woodlands Cemetery at 10am.

Gillingham library will put on a display of articles and items related to the tragedy for a month before the unveiling.

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SOCIAL CARE

Social worker disciplined for dishonesty

By Steve Knight
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A DISHONEST children's social worker has been disciplined by the industry regulator for failing to disclose concerns raised about his suitability for the profession.

Medway Council held a capability review into Godwin Jesuorobo's poor performance in August, 2007, which he did not tell future employers about when applying for new positions.

The review came after allegations that Mr Jesuorobo had failed to spot several instances of sexual abuse, rape and domestic violence affecting youngsters in his care.

However, it could not be proved during a hearing of the General Social Care Council (GSCC) conduct committee that he had failed to carry out comprehensive risk assessments on the 10 children in question, nor that his conduct had placed them at risk of harm.

The conduct committee concluded: "While it is accepted that there were considerable failings in the standard of the registrant's written work, particularly in respect of case analysis, it was not satisfied that there was sufficient evidence for these failings to substantiate the allegations."

Mr Jesuorobo, who has more than 18 years' experience in the social work profession, was a member of Medway Council's child protection team between November, 2005, and September, 2007.

He resigned from the authority after missing the final meeting of his capability review through ill health.

Mr Jesuorobo went on to work for Barking and Dagenham Council but was sacked in May, 2009, when it was discovered he had lied on his application form about his previous employment in Medway.

The GSCC launched its investigation shortly after the dismissal, and officials concluded that the social worker had committed misconduct by way of his "misleading" and "dishonest" actions.

The committee ruled that Mr Jesuorobo should have an "admonishment" placed against his name on the social work register for the next four years.

It concluded: "The committee was satisfied that an admonishment would suitably mark the registrant's behaviour as unacceptable and of the kind which must not happen again.

"The committee noted that the non-disclosure and misrepresentations were not isolated incidents but recognised there was a low risk of recurrence.

"Therefore admonishment provided adequate public protection and satisfied the public interest as far as the registrant's suitability was concerned."

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TRAGEDY: Clare Bernal was murdered by stalker Michael Pech

STALKING

Victim's mum determined to

by Steve Knight
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ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2005, Michael Pech walked into a London department store and shot dead a young woman he had spent weeks stalking.

Her name was Clare Bernal, a pretty 22-year-old from Groombridge near Tunbridge Wells, who had earlier reported Pech for harrassment after he refused to accept their brief relationship was over.

Few could have predicted at the time that the killer – who turned his gun on himself after the attack in Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge – would follow through on the countless threats made in text messages and telephone calls.

But Clare's mother Tricia, who has since helped set up a helpline for victims of stalking, is determined to ensure no other families are made to suffer like the Bernals have.

"The publicity about Clare's death was very hard to deal with in the beginning," she said. "But I was driven from the word go because I felt that if I didn't speak out about what had happened then I would be letting Clare down.

"I couldn't cry at first. Last year was the first year my tears flowed freely. We were very close and Clare was becoming as much my best friend as she was my daughter, but that's all been taken away. It's the same for her father and brothers.

"You learn to cope with it but

HARASSMENT: Excessive text messaging can be one of the ways a stalker bombards their victim

Police are rising to the challenge of a sinister and distressing crime

VICTIMS of stalking and harassment have been assured there is no shame in voicing their concerns to the police.

According to Det Con Rachel Freeman – Kent's domestic abuse co-ordinator – people are often reluctant to report incidents which to an outsider may appear innocent, for fear they will not be taken seriously.

She said she hoped the first-ever national stalking awareness week, which comes to a close this weekend, will persuade more victims to come forward with information.

DC Freeman said: "It can sometimes take victims of domestic abuse up to 35 incidents to report somebody to the police, and the same can probably be said for those suffering through stalking and harassment.

"There's a reluctance among some people because they think they won't be taken seriously. Sometimes the attention they are receiving might seem innocuous or innocent, but they should always come forward if it is causing them distress because there are things we can do to help.

"We would look at firstly identifying that person and getting evidence together to arrest them, which would hopefully lead to a conviction with a restraining order.

"Stalking can take the rather low-level form of texts or emails right up to victims being watched or followed. Sadly it sometimes ends in violence and can destroy lives."

DC Freeman said it was important victims helped the police in bringing stalkers to justice by always keeping a record of what happened, including details of when and where they were followed or telephoned, when they received post, email messages or texts, and details of others who may have witnessed these events.

She added: "Write information down as soon as possible when events are still fresh in the mind, and tell the police if any neighbours or others saw or heard what happened. If you do not know the suspect, record how he or she looked or sounded, what they were wearing, and the number plate of any involved car."

According to the British Crime Survey, up to five million people a year suffer from stalking or harassment.

Assistant Chief Constable Garry Shewan is the lead on stalking and harassment for the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo).

He said: "It is important to remember that stalking isn't a 'one-off' crime.

"It's a series of incidents which when taken in isolation can appear trivial but when put together become far more sinister.

"The challenge for the police service and other agencies is to protect victims by recognising the danger signs, by effective use of legislation and by effective and co-ordinated investigation.

"At a time when police budgets are under pressure, finding ways to share good practice and improve our response is critical."

Anyone concerned about stalking should call Kent Police on 01622 690690, the National Domestic Violence Helpline on 0800 2000 247, or the National Stalking Helpline on 0300 636 0300.

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> TRICIA BERNAL, ON TAKING ACTION AGAINST THE STALKERS

there are times when I think I can't bear the pain, while there are also times when I feel like I have to live my life for two."

In 2008 Mrs Bernal helped to establish Protection Against Stalking, which aims to create a "consistent, professional and effective response" to victims of stalking and harassment.

The charity was one of several that helped launch the UK's first national stalking awareness week, which finished this weekend.

Campaigners say stalking is under-reported because victims fear they will not be taken seriously – a view Mrs Bernal agrees with.

"With some people it might start with them receiving a box of chocolates or finding a bunch of flowers left on their car windscreen," she said. "But then you think how can you go to the police station and tell them something like that? It makes you feel embarrassed.

"But with Clare it was full-on stalking for three weeks. He would text her up to 50 times a day and phone her at every opportunity, and if she went for a cup of coffee somewhere she would often find him standing opposite her.

"After three weeks it became more sinister, and he started threatening to kill her. He was absolutely obsessed and would tell her they were going to spend their lives together whether she liked it or not.

"Clare was very frightened, but she also started to feel responsible. She felt maybe she had given him the wrong impression. She also felt stupid for dating someone like that."

Pech, 30, was charged with harassment in April, 2005, and

pleaded guilty four months later. But he never made his sentencing hearing on September 21, having killed himself and Miss Bernal eight days earlier.

"While being stalked, Clare couldn't sleep, she couldn't concentrate and her whole world was caving in," said her mother.

"But after Pech was arrested and the stalking stopped, she began to get her life back. She died at her most positive, vibrant and beautiful.

"When a tragedy like this happens, you've got two choices. You can either give up or you can make sure the person you lost has not died in vain."

National stalking awareness week is supported by Protection Against Stalking, the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and the Network for Surving Stalking.

Launching the campaign on Monday, the charities called for stalking laws to be toughened up to prevent murders while also proposing a stalkers' register and better training for police to identify victims.

Last month a group of MPs called for cyber-stalking to be made a criminal offence as part of an overhaul of the law, which Mrs Bernal has welcomed.

She said: "There needs to be better education in schools because cyber-stalking is a massive problem. It's shocking how much personal information is out there in the public domain, and how easy it is to stalk.

"Nobody should find themselves in a situation where they are too afraid to answer their mobile phone or open their front door. That's why we need to help people understand the possible consequences of putting too much information on websites like Facebook."

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LITERATURE

View to a killing – James Bond creator Fleming tops the crime writers' rich list

By Chris Murphy
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JAMES Bond creator Ian Fleming, who wrote much of his work in Kent, has been named as Britain's most valuable crime writer.

Fleming, who lived at St Margaret's Bay for several years, is the most successful British crime writer of all time.

This is according to a new study which names the most financially successful authors from the UK and America in the crime and thriller genres.

His £100 million-plus pales in to insignificance, however, next to America's John Grisham who is worth more than £600m.

Fleming took the top British slot in the first-ever Alibi Crime Writers Rich List.

This details the biggest financial success since launching their writing careers. The research was conducted for TV channel Alibi, which calls itself the TV home of crime drama.

The Bond writer narrowly beat a host of literary greats such as Miss Marple and Poirot creator Agatha Christie who is at number two, former prison inmate Jeffery Archer at three, former jockey turned horse racing crime writer Jack Higgins at four, and rounding out the top five is Ken Follett.

The Alibi Crime Writers Rich List was produced as a result of research into recorded sales, company accounts, box office returns and licensing fees.

Additional sources of information included research from the publishing world as well as the TV and film industries to provide an overview of the writers who have profited most from crime.

Of Fleming the researchers said: "He was part of the canny banking dynasty, Robert Fleming & Partners but it was as the creator of James Bond that made him his fortune.

"The Bond books have sold over 100 million copies worldwide and the brand is as strong as ever. Ian Fleming Publications is very lucrative and made a £2.4m pre-tax profit on a £2.9m turnover in 2009. It also has £1.4m of net assets.

"It is 50 per cent owned by nominees who are assumed to be members of the Fleming family. The real money comes from the big screen and merchandising of the Bond films, having grossed more than £5 billion and making it the most valuable series of films ever.

"There has been prolonged litigation about who owns the film rights to the Bond books, with the Fleming family only being named nominally. In all, Ian Fleming is worth at least £100m."

Several scenes from the James Bond books feature Kent locations.

MONEYRAKER: James Bond novels (Daniel Craig pictured as 007) have surpassed £100m in sales

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OPINION

AV would be a disaster for UK

KCC Tory councillor **Julie Rook** argues the alternative vote system would be expensive, bad for democracy and too complicated for voters

OUR current system of first past the post is simple to understand, fair and superior to the alternative vote because it tends to create strong, accountable governments and means coalitions are uncommon, with no horse-trading by politicians behind the scenes.

The winner of an election should always be the candidate who comes first. With AV, instead of the voters choosing the Government, politicians would hold power and that is not right. The people must decide who runs our country.

We have been here before. According to Hansard records, a bill to change the electoral system to AV was passed in the Commons in 1931 by 278 to 228 votes, but thankfully rejected later in the Lords.

And more recently, the independent commission, chaired by senior Lib Dem Roy Jenkins in 1988 concluded AV was even less proportional than our existing system and warned it was 'disturbingly unpredictable'.

There has also been some research into how the last six general elections might have looked had the 'alternative vote' system been in place.

It is believed the overall outcome of the contests would not have changed, so why bother?

Except of course Lib Dems would have gained more seats. So now we know why Nick Clegg is cheerleading AV with no consideration for the cost to the taxpayer.

Also more legitimacy would be given to the BNP and according to the British election study, the Greens would not have won any additional seats.

Is it right for councils to spend £26 million telling people how the complicated system works, or £130m on vote-counting machines?

With families facing tough times should we expect them to foot the bill of a quarter of a billion pounds bringing in a new voting system when we should be reducing the country's trillion pound deficit or spending it on schools or hospitals instead?

AV is also too complicated. The explanation of AV in the Electoral Commissions booklet takes 351 words while first past the post, just 59 words.

I have attended general election counts and seen how many fellow citizens struggle with the concept of putting a single cross in the box.

As well as the cross, I have seen the ticks, lines and circles, some of which are placed next to the candidate's name or in the margin of the voting form.

I have even seen how some voters write the name of the candidate on the ballot paper. I shudder to think how such voters would cope with AV.

I also know how time consuming election counts are. If we had AV, it could take days to figure out who has won.

AV won't mean the end of broken politics, get rid of safe seats, and it won't increase turnout

AV would be a disaster. It would mean candidates who finish third winning elections, and an end to the principle of one person one vote. It would mean supporters of extreme parties would have their vote counted more.

AV wouldn't mean the end of broken politics. It won't increase turnout, get rid of safe seats or negative campaigning and it won't make MPs more accountable.

There is also a real worry this campaign has yet to get the pulse racing amongst the general public.

But I am sure once people realise AV allows candidates who come third to end up winning, boosts the influence of those backing the BNP and other extremist parties and is only used in Australia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea, they will back the No campaign. They will understand there is no justification for this change.

KOS COMMENT

Thanet cannot afford to waste Turner prize

THE opening of Margate's Turner Contemporary gallery this weekend has been heralded as the beginning of a bright new future for the local area.

But while the £17m development will attract thousands of visitors to east Kent, it would be foolish to assume it is the only answer to the region's woes.

The seaside town has been a shadow of its former self for years now, and an art gallery alone will not restore the glory days of the 1950s and '60s.

It's now up to everyone else to capitalise on the opportunity this exciting new gallery has created for Thanet.

Thanks to runners for your marathon effort

CONGRATULATIONS in advance to everyone taking part in the London Marathon, no matter where you finish.

Twenty-six miles is a long distance in anyone's book, so those who attempt to tackle it deserve high praise indeed.

Many of Kent's participants have also pledged to raise money for charity, so here's hoping for a successful day.

Westgate Towers and Guildhall, Canterbury
By Paul Jerreat

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Enough cash to pay for war

IT'S strange, Cameron and his cronies couldn't wait to get into government, since then they haven't stopped whinging on about the terrible situation they have inherited from the previous administration.

They conveniently forget to mention how bad it is in other countries, such as Greece, Spain, Portugal. Just to mention a few. The Labour Party had nothing to with their demise, but all this Coalition keeps on about is what Labour did or didn't do whilst in power. We all know (except them) it was a worldwide recession, not just a British one.

Gordon Brown warned the public about the threat to the winter fuel payment, he was called a liar by Cameron.

He also warned about the NHS, also now proved to be correct. How many broken promises are we going to have to put up with before we kick these liars out? The Coalition says we are in deep debt. Cameron shoots off to Pakistan, offers them six-a-and-half million quid and to say sorry for saying they were looking both ways regarding terrorists, trying to appear what a great guy I am, look how much money I am giving your country. Our money. Money that should be spent in our country.

This mob that's in power now already donates £15 billion of our money in overseas aid. Charity should begin at home. A great many people are losing their jobs because of the way this government is making swingeing cuts, and yet they can give all this money away.

We are poking our noses in Libya, which is costing us millions, an endless battle in Afghanistan and soon, we maybe embroiled in other Arab states. There is no shortage of money where a war is concerned.

Rex Priggen
Westgate-on-Sea

Local shops under threat

KENT Green Party believes the quality of our lives depends a great deal on the quality of our local services and the diversity of our local economies.

Increasing numbers of out-of- town shopping centres have led to the decline of local shops and businesses, and there is no shortage of public outrage on this subject.

As these businesses shrink in the new era of expensive fuel prices, we need to rebuild local public sector employment to help keep the private sector operating.

In our 2010 General Election Manifesto, we vowed we would try to amend planning laws to support appropriate small businesses and ensure all large retail developments included spaces for small local businesses, introduce a network of local community banks, and reduce corporation tax for small firms to 20 per cent.

The New Economics Foundation in a report says 41 per cent of towns in the UK are now 'clone towns' with more than 50 per cent of their shops part of national chains.

Local traders throughout Kent are correct that new superstores are unnecessary and do great damage to many small independent businesses which add to their area's character and diversity. Local stores provide a wider social and economic role and one that is central to a sustainable neighbourhood.

Over 50 per cent of the turnover of independent retailers goes back into the local community.

Stuart Jeffery, chairman of Kent Green Party, Tonbridge

AV is a daft way to vote

I AM far from happy about our electoral system but the proposed Alternative Vote system is a nonsense, this is a system where you can get everyone's last choice voted in a daft system.

We have two choices – keep the first-past-the-post system where the where there is one man one vote but make it compulsory to vote, with a 'not one of the above' option.

The reason we have a low voting turnout is because most people are too lazy to get to the polling station. Another way is half of the MPs would be voted in on first past the post with the constituencies being doubled in size and the candidate not allowed to show the name of the party on any electoral material, this would stop the major parties bringing in party stooges, the candidate would have to work hard to get his name about.

This will keep the link between the MP and the electorate and the other half on how you vote for the relevant political party, ie, if one party gets 50 per cent of the vote they 50 per cent of the MPs and so on.

Martin Clarke,
Sittingbourne

This service needs saving

I AM disgusted at how a local children's information project is on the verge of closing down due to lack of funding.

The B48s – which can be found in Town Walk, Folkestone – has been helping and supporting families for the last 15 years. It has helped thousands of families by:

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In the past we enjoyed regular parent and child sessions such as baby massage, messy play and toddler groups.

In recent years it's also been providing free online computer courses which were avidly taken up by OAPs. However, the courses were also helping mums who were looking for a way back into work.

Most importantly B48s offered mums and dads a comfortable place to take a break. There is always a cup of tea and a friendly face if you needed a chat and you could pop in just to let your kids play for an hour.

It is a charity and without funding, it cannot continue and now it seems it will have to close.

Kevin, the manager of B48s, has been the heart and soul of this brilliant charity for 10 years. He has supported thousands of families over the years.

He is set to lose his job and become unemployed. After all those years his put into his local community.

I am furious. I know many, many parents are. One mum called Jess has been using B48s for a few years was so hurt they might have to close that she raised about £1,000 for them, but unfortunately it wasn't enough.

In a time when we are all struggling in the recession, having a place that is not only welcoming – but that is free, is unbelievably valuable.

Many people thought the Coalition would bring a positive change to England, but all it's doing is shattering the communities by withdrawing the centres and the charities and the people who help support us.

I know some of the local government run children's centres are suffering from budget 'cuts' but these are just minor cuts – they'll still be open and providing their services, even at a reduced service. B48s will be closed and gone for ever. It's a one-of-a-kind charity.

Something must be able to be done to help it.

Please help us to raise awareness of this upsetting loss in our community.

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Bankruptcy isn't the easy way out

Q I set up in business on my own two years ago. I rent premises but had to pay a lump sum for the lease, and I needed to buy a van, which I did on credit. Due to the lack of work in the current climate, I am now in arrears on payments for the van and with the rent, and I have been borrowing on credit cards to make ends meet. The bottom line is that I owe about £20,000 in all. If I go bankrupt, what are the practical results? Is the whole £20,000 written off? I know the old rule about being allowed to keep my clothes and the tools of my trade, but is it more complicated than that?

A Bankruptcy lasts for one year, but the fallout takes far longer to settle. During the one year, you may be forced to hand over any savings and sell assets such as a car for the benefit of your creditors, and you cannot borrow more than a small amount from anyone without revealing that you are bankrupt. Your credit cards will be cancelled, and your bank will probably change the type of account you have. Your bankruptcy will show up on your credit agency file for six years, which may tip the balance against you if you apply for credit or a mortgage in that time, even after you are discharged from bankruptcy. You might think that the worst is over after a year, but in fact the legal restrictions last for three years and they have recently become tougher. Assuming you continue to have some income over and above basic household and living expenses, then much of this will go to your creditors. You will be allowed to keep just £10 a month to spend as you wish – down from £50 a month under earlier guidance that applied until a few months ago. And if you work harder and earn more, the extra cash will also go to your creditors. Bankruptcy should be a last resort, not a first option. Talk to Citizens Advice, a debt counsellor or a solicitor, and consider an individual voluntary arrangement (IVA). This is a stop short of bankruptcy and, if your creditors agree, will let you pay a percentage of your debts instead of the full amount. It could still be painful, but it leaves you with more control of your own life.

Q My wife and I are in our late 60s. Looking ahead, if one of us needs to go into care, will the council sell our house to pay the fees? How much are we allowed to have in savings before we lose council help with care costs? Could we give our house to our children, to avoid selling it?

A The picture differs slightly around Britain. In England, if you have £23,000, you are expected to pay all your own care fees, while in Wales the figure is £22,000. These figures include savings, investments and the value of your home.

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But your home will be ignored if one of you still lives in it after the other goes into residential care. You can gift your home to your children, but there can be tax disadvantages. If you die within seven years, its value still counts towards inheritance tax. And, unless your children live in the house, it will not be exempt from capital gains tax. A better option might be a family trust. Done properly, this would remove the house from care fees calculations, but keep the gains tax exemption. Setting up a trust is a major decision though, and you should see a solicitor.

Q We answered a magazine advertisement that offered to draft our wills for £59, but the salesman then tried to add storage fees. We backed off, but my husband says we should go ahead with the basic will service as it seems cheap.

A Be very careful. Anybody can set up as a will writer, with no experience or qualifications. And will writers need no insurance, so any defect in your will could cost your estate a lot of money to put right. The Law Society is so concerned at the problem of defective wills that it wants the government to ban unqualified will writers. I know the Law Society has an axe to grind, as it wants all wills to be drafted by solicitors, who are its members – but this really is the safest choice! The society's website – www.lawsociety.org.uk – lists solicitors who specialise in various areas of law, including wills.

Q I have about £130,000 to invest for the best monthly income. I would not put all my eggs in one basket, so what is the maximum covered by the official compensation scheme?

A The Financial Services Compensation Scheme covers up to £85,000 in cash deposit accounts. Santander (0800 389 9875) offers a 4.01pc yield on its monthly income three-year fixed-rate savings bond. You could combine this with a Nationwide My Save Online Plus account (www.nationwide.co.uk), paying 3.05pc, as this offers easy access and a variable rate in case rates rise.

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SWITCH OVER: While the Co-Op reports an increase in customers switching to its service, many more of us seem happy to stay put

Co-op is a winner in the big switch

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney24 editor

THERE are signs that the number of people switching banks is on the rise, with one provider reporting a huge increase in customers defecting to it.

Although the Co-operative Bank and its Smile offshoot have a small overall market share, a near-80pc leap in people switching to its current accounts last year could prove significant, given that the number of people moving between providers had previously been fairly stable.

Despite criticism by the Independent Commission on Banking (ICB) this week about the lack of competition within the sector, there have been several recent high-profile campaigns to encourage customers to switch. Santander and Halifax have been two high-street names offering cash incentives to current account customers.

But it is possible that the attractiveness of the Co-op has been as much down to its ethical stance and business practices as to the products themselves.

The bank said the past year had seen a number of events that had triggered this behaviour by customers, with peaks in the number of switchers apparently linked to events such as public distrust in financial institutions and unease with bankers' bonuses.

Co-op chief executive Neville Richardson said: "Our switching figures clearly show that consumers are increasingly being attracted to the bank. However, we believe more can be done to encourage greater competition and we welcome the call for a 'radically improved' system of switching accounts in the ICB interim report."

The news from the Co-op follows recent research that found the majority of people wanted to stay with their existing providers.

Stats produced by watchdog Consumer Focus suggested that three quarters of consumers have never considered switching current accounts, while a further 17pc (or more than eight million people) have thought about doing so but then stayed put.

This compares badly with other areas of personal finance – more people switch their domestic energy, insurance and telephone services than their current accounts.

Consumer Focus said the main reasons for people being reluctant to switch were the fear of costs when things went wrong, the hassle involved and the fear of any mistake resulting in a negative effect on their credit rating.

"For too many people, switching current accounts simply does not enter their mind, even if their bank has let them down," said Sarah Brooks, head of financial services at Consumer Focus.

"Until more people are prepared to vote with their feet, there will not be enough pressure on banks to improve their performance. Complaints against banks are persistently at an unacceptably high level. We need to promote switching and make it less error-prone if we are to force the banks to raise their game."

Halifax card customers facing rate hikes

HALIFAX has announced plans to link the interest it charges on its credit cards to the Bank of England base rate – almost certainly meaning users will see their rates go up soon.

The lender said the move would make things more transparent, but with most observers expecting the Bank of England's monetary policy committee (MPC) to put the base rate up soon, Halifax customers will see their rates go up, too.

The change means that Halifax customers will have a single personal rate, as opposed to the current system which can see different rates for purchases and cash withdrawals.

Halifax said the changes would mean most customers would pay either less interest, the same amount as they currently do, or less than 2p extra for every £1,000 they borrowed. However, that is likely to change when the MPC starts to increase the base rate.

Existing customers will receive letters about the change soon. New and Clarity card customers will be notified separately and moved on to the new structure next year.

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Car insurance costs are spiralling out of control

By Ed Foss
MyMoney24 writer

RECORD-BREAKING hikes in car insurance premiums have seen costs shoot up by more than 40pc in a year.

The eye-watering increase is the largest-ever annual rise according to the AA.

The organisation's British Insurance Premium Index has shown that both home and car insurance premiums have increased significantly, but it is the car insurance rise which is by far the most notable.

The index shows that car premiums rose 5.9pc over the first quarter and by a record 40.1pc over the year to the end of March.

Home premium increases were less than expected at 13.6pc for buildings and 11.9pc for contents.

The car insurance rises show little sign of abating, according to the AA.

The typical premium for a comprehensive car insurance policy now comes in at £892.08.

The index analyses quotes from over 50 insurance companies, brokers and schemes against a basket of risks that is typical of the UK driving population.

Simon Douglas, director of AA Insurance, said: "The record rises in fuel costs coupled with spiralling car insurance premiums is disappointing news and is making driving unaffordable for many, especially cash-strapped young drivers.

"This is leading to more people withholding information when taking out a policy or exaggerating personal injury claims to try to reduce their costs.

"But this simply piles on costs for insurers and results in yet higher premiums for honest motorists."

Drivers aged 17 to 22 have again taken the brunt of the increases, with a typical premium of £2,431 being paid, more than 64pc higher than a year ago.

The main drivers of premium inflation remain fraud and injury claims, added Mr Douglas.

"Although the number of collisions on Britain's roads is falling, the number of claims for whiplash injury is rising," he said.

"It's tempting to make such claims with the huge number of 'accident management' law firms using cold-call marketing techniques."

Unless action is taken to curb the rising cost of settling personal injury claims, motor insurance premiums will continue to rise, the Association of British Insurers (ABI) warned.

Nick Starling, the ABI's director of general insurance and health, said: "Enough is enough.

"Putting the brake on ambulance-chasing lawyers and claims management firms cannot come a moment too soon.

"Motorists have rightly had enough of paying for excessive legal costs, which add an extra 10pc to the cost of motor insurance.

"It cannot be right that for every £1 motor insurers pay out in compensation, an extra 87p is paid out in legal costs.

"What we now need is a ban of referral fees – where details of potential personal injury claimants are sold on to solicitors and claims management firms."

■ Meanwhile, Mr Douglas said he was surprised the increases in buildings and contents home insurance premiums were not greater given record claims over the recent winter.

"During December alone insurers dealt with claims amounting to around £900m for snow and ice damage and the AA's own experience saw a sharp rise in claims for burst pipes, ice damage to roofs and gutters and damage from melt water, compared with the previous winter.

"Given industry concern about the increasing severity and frequency of severe weather the premium increases we are seeing are quite modest, which is welcome news."

Do you know what your jewellery is worth?

A steep rise in the value of gold, silver and gems means people could be significantly undervaluing the worth of their jewellery.

Engagement rings are among the most precious pieces of jewellery we own, but it is likely many of us don't appreciate their financial value.

Kate Middleton's engagement ring cost £28,000 when it was bought by Prince Charles for Diana in 1981.

At today's prices, it has been estimated that the oval 18-carat blue sapphire surrounded by 14 diamonds costs £85,000 – a rise in value of more than 200pc in the past 30 years.

"Obviously most couples won't be investing in anything as expensive as Kate's sapphire," said Jonathan Cracknell, household underwriter at Aviva.

"But whatever the price, it is important that homeowners check their valuables are insured for the right amount.

"Engagement and eternity rings have huge sentimental value and often customers are devastated to lose them, so it's important that at least they are compensated financially for such items.

"Even if you have had a special piece of jewellery for only two or three years, it is likely its value has increased in that time."

Aviva said that white gold and platinum solitaire diamond rings were the most common items it replaced for its customers in the second half of last year, but they are typically worth £850 more than a decade ago.

Eternity rings have risen by more than 130pc to an average value of nearly £1,300 during the same period.

A reputable jeweller, such as one that is a National Association of Goldsmiths registered valuer, will be able to tell you what your jewellery is worth. Once you have a new valuation, check with your home insurer that you're properly covered.

Updating your policy is likely to cost only a few pounds a year – if anything at all – and will prove to be well worth it should disaster strike.

JEWELLERY CONCERN: Even the most high-profile of brides-to-be must be aware of the value of rings

PICK OF THE WEEK

In association with the experts at Moneyfacts.co.uk, we highlight some of the best new products launched this week.

Savings: Leeds Building Society
The Fixed-Rate Postal Bond Issue 3, pays a rate of 2.75pc on maturity. Maturing on January 1, 2012, this postal-operated account has a minimum investment of £1,000 and allows further additions whilst the issue is open and unlimited penalty-free access. Savers must be aged 18 or over.
Why is it good? Sitting just below the market leaders for bonds under one year, this deal should prove popular with savers who wish to access funds at short notice without incurring a penalty, which is rare for a fixed-rate product.

Savings: Post Office
An increase of 0.35pc sees the Fixed-Rate Cash Isa Issue 5 rate rise to 3.95pc. Savers can invest a minimum of £500 and further additions are not permitted. Early access is allowed on account closure, subject to 180 days' loss of interest. Transfers in are accepted. The account can be operated by savers aged 16 and over by post or telephone.
Why is it good? This fixed Isa review by the Post Office sees rates on all terms increasing, making them more competitive. The three-year term at 3.95pc is a top-five rate compared with similar products. Earlier closure is permitted subject to an interest penalty of up to 180 days' loss.

Mortgages: HSBC
HSBC has withdrawn and replaced selected variable rates. The new variable tracker deal offers a rate of 2.39pc for term (Bank of England base rate plus 1.89pc), a maximum loan-to-value of 60pc and a maximum borrowing amount of £1m. No fee is payable and there is the incentive of a free valuation for first and second-time borrowers, and free legal fees for those remortgaging. There is also the option to make overpayments.
Why is it good? Despite increases to selected variable rates, this latest tracker product at 2.39pc for term remains one of the top deals in the market. Borrowers concerned with costs will be pleased with generous incentives and with not having to pay an arrangement fee.

Mortgages: Yorkshire Building Society
Yorkshire's latest mortgage product review includes the launch of a three-year fixed-rate deal at 3.89pc, June 2014. The product has a maximum LTV of 75pc and a fee of £495. First and second-time borrowers can enjoy a free valuation and a £250 rebate, while those remortgaging will receive free legal fees. Flexible features are also offered, including overpayments of up to 10pc of the outstanding balance, underpayments and the option to take payment holidays.
Why is it good? This three-year deal takes its places comfortably in the best-buy tables. All borrowers will be pleased with a reasonable arrangement fee and generous incentives package.

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Pictured above: Dover Exhibition Conference Hall

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Business Week Live 2011 is not just a 'meet and greet' like many B2B shows, it is run by commercial professionals at a time of year when business people really want to fill up their diaries and order books for the coming year.

Next year is going to be a massive year for Kent business partly due to the Olympics, and our proximity to the port means that we are best placed to take advantage of the opportunities that this show will bring. New for this year will be an international business forum where you can forge business relationships between buyers and sellers. There will be close to 150 exhibitors and over a thousand business decision makers and influencers are expected to attend the exhibition and conferences in October. So whether you're are a business manager, owner, influencer or entrepreneur you need to be here as 'business goes where business is invited'.

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EDITOR'S VIEW...

A RED tape regulation website has been set up by Government. Prime Minister David Cameron hopes businessmen across the country will use the site to highlight the regulations and bureaucracy they feel are an unnecessary burden on their everyday working lives. The feedback will be used to cut through reams of red tape, paving the way for private sector-led growth. The initial focus is on the retail industry.

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Clegg's growth fund millions head North as Kent loses out

By Simon Robinson
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KENT businesses failed to secure a single penny of the first £450 million portion of the Government's billion pound growth pot.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said on Tuesday that more than 27,000 jobs will be safeguarded as a direct result of the first round of Regional Growth Fund cash and a further associated 100,000 jobs will be created.

Yorkshire, Humberside, the North West and North East regions secured the majority of the funding.

Chelmsford-based e2v Technologies (UK) Ltd was the South East and East of England's sole successful bid.

The number of unsuccessful Kent bids is not yet known. The second round of the fund, worth nearly £1 billion, is now open.

Mr Clegg said: "I am delighted to announce the first successful bids for the Regional Growth Fund. I was bowled over by the quality of the bids. This money will now help create and safeguard jobs in some of the communities worst hit by the economic downturn.

"This funding is a step towards rebalancing our economy away from an unhealthy over-reliance on a small number of industries and a few areas.

"We need to spread opportunity across the whole country, drawing on our many talents.

"I know that with the right support these businesses can work with their communities and together play their part in leading the country back into prosperity."

Business Secretary Vince Cable said: "Supporting job creation in the regions is vital if we are to drive growth in our communities.

"We received a large number of ambitious and highly competitive bids to this first round of the Regional Growth Fund, which will help businesses across the country to expand and create thousands of new jobs.

"The Regional Growth Fund is a competitive fund and we wanted to see proposals that created jobs in the private sector, in areas of deprivation and at risk of suffering from public sector cuts.

"I'm confident that the successful bids we have chosen will deliver on this." And Lord Heseltine, chairman of the Independent Advisory Panel, said: "I believe the first £450m of Regional Growth Fund cash, which levers in around £2.5bn of private sector investment, supports projects delivering real jobs to real people on the ground now.

"They show the Government is getting actively behind the private sector to rebalance our economy. I have always believed in the need to give real support to small businesses for whom bidding for £1m is way beyond what they could normally expect.

"That's why we are providing more than £150m to give targeted support to small businesses, which are the lifeblood of our economy.

"That is why I am also pleased that high street banks are joining the Government in supporting micro-finance through the Community Development Finance Associations.

"Some £30m of Regional Growth Fund will be matched by a further £30m from two banks. In addition, we are in detailed discussion with the banks over options for schemes to get additional finance to small businesses in economically vulnerable parts of England. We want to develop effective mechanisms to support growing small businesses and small projects through the Regional Growth Fund."

After considering the large number of high quality bids submitted to round one, ministers decided to allocate more than £450m rather than the £250m originally envisaged to ensure the benefits to the economy are realised as quickly as possible.

To promote the second round of the fund and encourage quality bids that meet the objectives and criteria, there will be roadshows across England to speak with businesses and organisations with an interest in submitting a bid to advise them on all aspects of the fund.

A schedule of the roadshows will be available in due course at www.bis.gsi.gov.uk/rgf.

The closing date for round two is Friday, July 1. There may be a further smaller round if unallocated funds remain after rounds one and two.

NICK CLEGG: the Deputy PM expects the first round of RFG cash to safeguard thousands of jobs and create many more

Bigger, better and more crucial than ever – Business Week Live is cruising to new venue

BUSINESS Week Live returns later this year with a new venue, new dates and an exciting line-up of commercial opportunities to generate new business.

The business-to-business event will take place at the Dover Cruise Exhibition Centre on October 26. Business Week Live, now in its second year, boasts a packed programme of events and workshops.

Archant KOS Media commercial director Christine Davidson said: "Business Week Live's debut last year was all about creating commercial opportunities and we had 100 stands and nearly 1,000 attendees. This year BWL takes a huge step forward with the introduction of improved opportunities ranging from international business, workshops, lead generation events, investors' forum, meet-the-buyer programmes and hosted visits. As a commercial organisation operating in this difficult market we understand the challenges and issues SMEs face.

"We use this knowledge to ensure the programme, information and advice is relevant to all businesses.

"BWL will help professionals meet these challenges head on while demonstrating where new revenue opportunities lie and where companies can meet qualified visitors and buyers and be involved in tangible lead generation and new business.

"BWL drives real commercial opportunity and is a must-attend event for all managers, directors and owners."

Exhibitors, visitors, sponsors and potential speakers can call Sallie Payne on 01303 817056 or email sallie.payne@archant.co.uk. For more details, visit www.businessweeklive.co.uk.

IT'S BACK: Business Week Live

COMMENT

IT IS now crunch time for the Kent, East Sussex and Essex Local Enterprise Partnership. The 44 LEP board members from the three counties have settled all the governance matters and must now look at what goals they want to achieve.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James said the LEP must focus on areas of commonality if they are to create jobs and deliver growth in the region. James goes on to state that the LEP's size may give it power and influence with key Government figures, and it may well do so.

But the potential disadvantages surely outweigh the positives. The county's business leaders would be much better placed to handle the fall-out of Pfizer's withdrawal from its Sandwich research and development site, for example, had Government given the green light to a separate Kent and Medway LEP.

But now the intricate business needs of the county will be placed into a pot alongside the needs of Essex and East Sussex.

There is no guarantee that what will stimulate growth and create jobs across the South East will work in Kent.

The giant LEP we have been lumped with runs the risk of becoming a compromise partnership, delivering mediocre results for all.

How the LEP delivers growth in these conditions will soon to be discovered.

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Constancy of interest rates a sensible move for all, says IoD chief

THE Bank of England has once again declined to raise interest rates.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has faced pressure to raise the rate from its current record-low position of 0.5 per cent, in a bid to bring inflation down.

But their decision to maintain the current interest rate has been backed by the Institute of Directors, British Chambers of Commerce and other financial bodies.

IoD South director Roger Broad said: "The outlook for interest rates is on a knife edge and we support the very difficult decision the MPC has taken to not increase them.

"Whilst everyone is focused on potential mistakes in fiscal policy, we think there is a greater danger from a mistake in monetary policy and so we appreciate the level of consideration that will have gone into this.

"We believe had the MPC taken the decision to raise interest rates there could have been serious consequences for the business community, which has been battered by the recession and the cuts in public spending.

"In the current economic climate, businesses need support and stability, which this move will provide.

"Furthermore, an increase in interest rates now would have little or no impact on 2011 inflation, but would have severely impacted economic growth."

"While inflation is well above target, there is little or no evidence of the wage-price spiral that would justify an increase in interest rates.

"There is another consideration as well, namely the anaemic growth in the money supply. To raise interest rates against the backdrop of flat or falling money supply would surely risk a double-dip recession, so it is good news that this has been avoided.

"Using interest rates as a weapon to squeeze inflation could put the UK economy back into recession."

THE SAME: Roger Broad says an increase in interest rates would have no affect on 2011

COMMENT

Decision is on the mark

WELL said Roger Broad. He's captured exactly why interest rates need to stay low for business and the economy.

Current inflation is caused by the cost of supplies and the weakness of the pound, not overspending by consumers.

The pound will only become strong again through a growing and stable economy, not short term hot money attracted in by another 0.5 per cent return.

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Delight as Beach Scene attracts record bid

AN AUCTION house enjoyed a money-spinning opening night after attracting a new world record bid for an Alan Lowndes painting.

Folkestone-based Grand Auctions sold the British painter's Beach Scene for £30,000 – surpassing the previous high bid by £1,000.

The proud new owner of the 1964 artwork is Bill Clark, of Clark Art Ltd, Cheshire, who is holding an exhibition of renowned Northern artists featuring Lowry and Lowndes.

Clark said: "Lowndes' work is quite scarce since he was not as prolific as some, so when I heard this painting was available I was very excited.

"Its large size sets it apart and the fact that it is a beach scene gives it a very wide appeal. Lowndes and Lowry were very much from the same stable and when you consider the record for a Lowry is £3.7 million, you can appreciate why Lowndes is in demand."

Grand Auctions specialist Jonathan Riley, who published a biography of the artist last year, said: "Lowndes' paintings are much sought after. There was considerable interest in this painting and we had high hopes of establishing a new record, which we have achieved.

"The vendor acquired the painting years ago directly from the family.

"In 1964 the Lowndes family moved from St Ives to the village of Halestown after he had enjoyed successful exhibitions. The year 1964 was very productive for Lowndes, who completed 40 canvases, including Beach Scene.

"This painting shows all the qualities of Lowndes at his very best."

ZONED OUT: Pfizer's decision to close its R&D base at Sandwich makes nearby Thanet a strong case for Enterprise Zone status

Invicta chief determined to make supersize LEP work

Chamber boss Jo James would have preferred a Kent and Medway partnership, but the newly formed three-county regional body will bring clout. Simon Robinson reports

CHAMBER of Commerce chiefs will meet next month to set out the goals of the region's supersize Local Enterprise Partnership.

The 24 executive board members appointed to the Kent, East Sussex and Essex Partnership must now decide upon how to achieve the economic growth the Government is expecting from their newly-created, locally-run system, which replaces Labour's Regional Development Agencies.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James said it was vital the South East LEP members worked together as one.

"We have to look at areas of commonality in order to set the key areas we want to push ahead with," she said.

"These may include the lower Thames Crossing, rural broadband, planning and transport infrastructure.

"I thought our LEP was too big to begin with and favoured a Kent and Medway partnership. But we've got what we've got. Now we have to make it work.

"Our main strength is our size and it does bring advantages. We are going to have sway with the Government on combined issues such as coastal regeneration, which affects us, East Sussex, and Essex.

"We have to ensure the LEP focuses on issues that benefit the whole area."

James was keen to point out that the LEP alone would not be able to deliver economic growth in Kent and needed support from other business organisations and bodies.

"We cannot get roped into thinking 'everything will get done through the LEP'," she said. "It's very important to have a strong Kent and Medway plan as we have to have county-specific priorities and we need a structure working underneath the LEP to help inspire growth. That's the next stage to be looking at.

JO JAMES: LEP can now go for growth

"We want to bring relevant bodies together so we don't have any duplication. It's about finding a mechanism where people can slot in and help promote Kent interests together.

"The LEP has to be driven from the bottom up."

Kent Invicta Chamber and county council leader Cllr Paul Carter have both asked the Government to reconsider its one Enterprise Zone per LEP policy, arguing that the zones should be allocated through necessity rather than by numbers. If the Government cannot be swayed that could provide the South East's LEP board members with their first obstacle.

James conceded: "Thanet is a prime area for an Enterprise Zone, but the Thames Gateway is also a prime area.

"Our LEP partners will also feel they are just as deserving of an Enterprise Zone, so how we work that out will be one of our first challenges."

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is urging its members and businesses in the region to write to councillors and MPs to raise their concerns about the role of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) in LEPs.

The FSB, along with other organisations, has expressed its disappointment that the BCC has been awarded responsibility for running a group bringing together the partnerships.

FSB Kent and Medway chairman Roger House said: "In Kent we have worked hard with all the business groups to ensure our 6,700 members' views have been represented on the LEP. We are disappointed that the Government has not chosen to continue with this collaborative approach.

"Since the announcement that LEPs were to replace Regional Development Agencies, we have worked to develop a strong relationship with other business organisations to ensure no group was unrepresented and we have ensured the voice of business has been heard.

"We are urging all small firms in the region – not just our members – to write to councillors and MPs to express their concern that the quango will be led by just one organisation. A collaborative approach would have been the sensible option, to ensure that partnerships work to their full potential."

TRAINING

University reveals studying pays off

COMPANIES that invest in managerial training perform better than less skill-seeking competitors, a new study has revealed.

Kent Business School at the University of Kent found that while human, financial and technological resources are all important, it is the way that managements use these that ultimately influences company growth.

Centre director Dr Mark Gilman said: "The key is firms' ability to absorb and exploit knowledge.

"Firms that are open to external sources of advice and take advantage of opportunities for managerial learning and knowledge seemingly outperform their competitors.

"But at a time when managerial personal development opportunities should be supported, the UK government has chosen to pull funding away from regional business support and advisory services.

"However, this is where universities like Kent can still step in and provide these much-needed learning opportunities for our region's businesses."

The university's full findings will be published next month.

INVOLVEMENT

Tool launched to help us Collabor8

COMMUNICATIONS company Netsite has developed a new product aimed at improving the way organisations engage and involve staff and customers.

The Chatham-based firm said Collabor8tor was inspired by social media features such as instant messaging, RSS feeds, polls and the ability for everyone to add and edit information.

Managing Director Paul Duthoit said: "The generation now entering the workforce have grown up with the internet and mobile technologies.

"They have a completely different style and expectations of communication. Collabor8tor has been created with modern communication needs in mind and will help organisations streamline information and improve the way they work. It is particularly useful for organisations with 200-plus staff across multiple sites."

Collabor8tor has two versions; one for clubs and charities and the other for commercial firms.

Netsite is already working with one NHS organisation whose clinicians and administrative staff are using an early version of the product.

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LITTLE ACORN: Tammy Woodhouse with Millbrook staff and young guest

How going back to family firm's roots put spring in Tammy's step

The BIG Interview

Nurturing the family's garden centre firm wasn't Tammy Woodhouse's first choice of career, but the Millbrook MD has grown to love the role she took on when her mother retired, she tells Business Week editor Simon Robinson

FOR most Britons, a sun-soaked summer is merely a welcome break from the dreary and rainy norm. But for businesses such as Millbrook, soaring spring temperatures and glorious sunshine are crucial to its annual income.

So much so that the family-run firm, which has garden centres in Gravesend and Crowborough, East Sussex, starts its preparations at the turn of the year.

Managing director Tammy Woodhouse said: "January and February are always critical for us. We have to make sure we have a lot of stock in place because as soon as the sun comes out in spring it just goes mad.

"We can't afford to miss out on the rush because we are massively dependent on a good spring. If we don't take the money during the three months between March and May we won't make it back.

"Thankfully this year we've got a late Easter, which is perfect for us, and an extra Bank Holiday. Everything is set up for it to be a good year. With the weather we have been having, business is always amazing.

"When we get three to four good days in a row, particularly running up to a weekend, then we know we are going to be hectic."

This year's spring and summer returns are particularly important for Millbrook, with retail giant Tesco moving into the industry through the purchase of the Dobbies garden centre chain, which has already begun expanding across the South East.

Woodhouse, who took over the role of managing director after her mother's retirement from the firm two years ago, said the market was changing rapidly.

"It's becoming increasingly competitive," she said.

"I think we're one of the last retail industries that's still very independent as there are a lot of strong, family businesses like us across the country, but that's all changing.

"Tesco has bought Dobbies and is opening them throughout the region. They have a store in Ashford and are opening another in Gillingham soon. It's changing the market really fast and there's now lots of pressure being put on us.

"We've got to try to keep doing things a bit differently here to make sure we keep our customers happy. We always make sure the quality of our plants is second to none and the fact we grow a lot of our own plants in our own nursery sets us apart.

"We've just re-landscaped our plant area, arranging plants in themed gardens rather than having straight rows of plants, like in supermarket aisles.

"It's about getting people to see our garden centres as a place they want to come to. We want it to feel relaxed, a bit more like a park so they walk around and get inspired.

"That's something I don't think the bigger chains will want to be doing, they are more about big volumes and that supermarket mentality.

"We've got to keep being different and friendly. Our customer service has to be fantastic to ensure our family feel remains. That's also why our cafés are such an integral part of what we do. Garden centres are increasingly seen as leisure destinations. If we didn't have a café we wouldn't have that added reason for people to come.

"We have people who come here every day for their morning coffee. It's quite a different style of retail to supermarkets. We're not a necessity. People come because it's a pleasure for them – it's their hobby."

Woodhouse remains committed to her parents' home-from-home, welcoming independent ethos, but this does not prevent her from wanting to further build the company.

Currently Millbrook's two garden centres, production nursery and landscaping arm generate an annual turnover of £5.5 million, excluding VAT, and has 125 members of staff on its books.

Speaking at the company's Gravesend garden centre last Monday morning, the MD said: "I'm really proud of what my parents have achieved and it's fantastic that I've got this opportunity to take things forward.

"We've got three- and five-year plans for the business. For this centre we have planning permission to expand again, to double the size of the restaurant. And we're also looking to add £1 million of sales in the garden centre during the next two years.

"We also want to expand Crowborough and also start selling online – lots of growth all round. We are currently looking at how we can provide the link between our garden centres and the landscaping sides of the business.

"Whether that's through a personal shopper service, someone coming out to your garden and giving advice or a maintenance service we're not yet sure, but we want to make Millbrook much more linked up.

"We have to do all this early because otherwise we're going to miss the boat. That's part of the reason we've just invested in our Gravesend centre.

"We have taken a risk and borrowed a lot of money from the bank, but to stay ahead we've got to take risks."

Woodhouse is clearly passionate about the business, but her ascension to the Millbrook throne was by no means a formality.

"I actually said I would never come

DIGGING IN: Millbrook MD Tammy Woodhouse, bottom left, took over when her mum retired two years ago and is determined to keep growing the business

into the family business," she said.

"But when my father died some 13 years ago I came and worked with mum for a year. It was during this time that I realised I loved the business.

"My parents had said that if I wanted to join the company I had to have something to offer so I left to study a garden design course and work in retail before rejoining the business seven years ago."

Woodhouse's return to the family firm's fold coincided with the garden boom generated by the BBC's popular Alan Titchmarsh-fronted Groundforce makeover show.

"When Groundforce was on television it was amazing," she recalled.

"They would feature something on the show and the very next day we would be inundated with people asking for it. That has dropped away.

"The thing people are now talking about is growing their own fruit and veg. During the last two years we've seen a huge growth in demand for that. This year it's really picking up, with vegetable seeds outselling flower seeds.

"It's all part of the rise of the 'staycation'. We've seen that people are taking fewer holidays and are investing a bit more in their gardens. There's also been a rise in the number of customers wanting to get their kids involved as children are learning about growing fruit and vegetables at school.

"Lots of cookery programmes are also championing homegrown food, so there's lots of things happening at once, making customers think about trying it at home."

All of which links in perfectly with Millbrook's mission statement.

Woodhouse explained: "We want to inspire, educate and equip our customers to grow their garden. We're really trying to inspire people to get out into their garden – and not just our traditional customers. We also want to encourage new homeowners to take up gardening.

"More and more people are getting back to basics and want to do more in their garden. We are in a great position to be able to make the most of that."

As I make my way back to the garden centre's car park, which is already packed with enthusiastic gardeners, I ask Woodhouse for her top tip to brighten up a home on the cheap.

"Put a fruit tree in," she said. "A nice apple or pear tree will suit every garden and they don't have to be big. You can even grow them in a pot. They're lovely to look at and you get so much satisfaction from watching them grow."

'Boardroom quotas won't do women any favours'

TAMMY Woodhouse has rejected calls for a quota system to be introduced in order to ensure women break through the glass ceiling.

The suggestion was touted by former trade minister Lord Davies in his recent Women on Boards report, which threatened big businesses with a by-the-numbers scheme as a way of increasing the quota of women who reach boardroom positions.

But Woodhouse said: "I don't agree with a quota system. Appointments should be made on merit. If women are seen to be put into positions just to fit a quota, it doesn't do any favours for anyone.

"There needs to be more flexibility for women to be able to come back into the workplace after having a family and then go on to achieve.

"We have a lot of women working for us in senior positions and this is where we as a small business can really benefit. We can offer the flexibility to women who are perhaps looking to work part-time around their family commitments, in a way that big businesses cannot."

The Women on Boards report sets big business the goal of raising the number of women in top posts to 25 per cent by 2015.

Today, women occupy just 12.5 per cent of boardroom seats on FTSE 100 firms.

Hitting Davies' target equates to a third of all new board appointments – 135 – going to women during the next five years. If the 25 per cent mark is not reached, Lord Davies said the Government would be right to consider bringing in enforced quotas, as adopted by Norway, France and Spain.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Airport jobs on the up

BIGGIN Hill's new business growth initiative will create more than 1,500 jobs, according to the airport's managing director.

Jenny Munro said the Locate @ Biggin Hill scheme, which aims to bring a cluster of stakeholder businesses from the private and public sector together, would help to maximise the airport's economic development potential.

The newly-appointed MD said: "Locate is the output of a significant amount of work which serves to articulate the potential of the airport as a centre for inward investment, business development, job creation, skills upgrade and prosperity."

Firm steams ahead

IRONING expert Karen Wilkinson is expanding her crease-free company into Cranbrook.

The owner of Iron Maids is recruiting more staff after finding a huge demand for her ironing service across the county.

In just two years Wilkinson has amassed 600 private and commercial customers all over the county, and is signing up more at a rate of six a week.

She said: "My customers include single men, professional couples, elderly people, new mums and those who just hate ironing."

Iron Maids, based at Laddingford, stretches from Medway to Sevenoaks and Tonbridge.

Gerring up for move

A HEALTH and safety firm is planning to move into the nationwide training and consultancy market.

Chatham-based Medway Safety Limited announced the move after scooping the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in People Development award.

Managing director Steve Gerring said: "I have consulted with all members of the team as to the exact nature of this step and how this would impact on the existing business. All see this as a natural progression and, with their support, I have developed a new business plan that will dovetail with that of Medway Safety."

South East seminars

A SERIES of free start-up seminars will be held across the region in the next three months.

The Business Link workshops, titled 'Is it for me?', will look at what takes to get a new business venture off the ground.

Events will be held in Tunbridge Wells, Thanet, Maidstone, Gravesend, Folkestone, Chatham, Canterbury and Ashford between now and June.

Business Link Start-up manager Steve Cunnell said: "Attending one of these workshops, quite simply, could be the start of an exciting and fulfilling new working life."

For more information visit www.businesslink.gov.uk/southeast or call 0845 600 9006.

Group's Sturdy future

BUILDING business boss Chris Sturdy has been elected chairman of The Wealden Business Group.

Sturdy, owner of Headcorn-based building services company CS Solutions, succeeds Mike Parmar, owner of Wave2 Communcations of Appledore.

Speaking to the Group at its annual meeting last week, Sturdy said: "I am honoured to take the chair and look forward to helping the Group to grow."

The Group is a networking organisation of local business professionals which meets each week at The Little Silver Hotel, Tenterden.

Red tape launch despite IoD's cutting conclusion

By Simon Robinson
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SHARP EDGE: The Red Tape Challenge website has been launched by the Coalition Government

BUSINESSES are being urged to help the Government cut through reams of stifling red tape and regulations.

Last week Prime Minister David Cameron and Business Secretary Vince Cable launched the Red Tape Challenge website, which gives visitors the chance to have their say on regulations that affect their everyday lives.

Web users can speak up for well-designed rules or challenge regulations they feel are an unnecessary burden.

Mr Cameron said: "We need to tackle regulation with vigour, both to free businesses to compete and create jobs, and to give people greater freedom and personal responsibility.

"Of course we need proper standards, for example in areas such as fire safety and food safety. So where regulation is well designed and proportionate, it should stay.

"But it is hard to believe we need regulations on issues such as ice-cream van jingles. That's why I want us to be the first Government in modern history to leave office having reduced the overall burden of regulation, rather than increasing it.

"Our starting point is that a regulation should go, or its aim be achieved in a different, non-government way, unless there is a clear and good justification for government being involved. Be in no doubt: all those unnecessary rules that place ridiculous burdens on our businesses and on society – they must go, once and for all."

The campaign is part of the Government's growth agenda and will tackle the stock of more than 21,000 statutory instruments that are putting barriers in the way of businesses, volunteers and the public.

The first area of national life to go under the microscope will be retail.

Following this, every few weeks a new set of regulations, organised around themes, will open on the website for anyone to comment on.

Once a theme has closed to the public, the Prime Minister has said in a letter to all ministers that they will have three months to explain why a regulation is still required, otherwise it will be scrapped.

Mr Cable said: "The retail sector is a key part of our economy and essential to driving private sector-led growth.

"It also has to deal with hundreds of regulations covering everything from employment law and health and safety through to consumer protection and the sale of offensive weapons.

"Some of these regulations are there for good reasons: protecting employees, businesses or the public. But some, like the Indication of Prices (Beds) Order, serve no purpose at all.

"That's why this campaign is different to the deregulation drives that have gone before. The onus is now on ministers to justify a regulation, rather than on you telling us to do something about it.

"I urge people to visit the website and take a few minutes to tell us the regulations you deal with on a daily basis.

"This is your chance to make sure consumers are properly protected from unscrupulous traders or give us the evidence we need to remove the unnecessary bureaucracy that stops your business from growing."

However, the Institute of Directors quickly brought the Government's Red Tape Challenge fanfare crashing back to earth.

Head of regulatory affairs Alexander Ehmann said: "The IoD is concerned that the Red Tape Challenge will have as little impact as previous efforts. The truth is the Government knows where the regulatory bodies are buried. It's not a case of asking businesses for suggestions again and again, it about getting on with the tough decisions that deregulation requires."

Carter pledges to remove building blockages

PLEDGE: Paul Carter wants to boost the building industry

COUNTY council leader Paul Carter has vowed to cut through red tape and over-regulation in a bid to boost the building industry.

Cllr Carter made the pledge at a meeting with businesses from the county's construction and development sector, Kent Economic Board and the Kent Developer Group.

"You cannot overstate the importance of construction and the development sector," he said.

"It is worth more than £1.7 billion in Kent and employs up to 30,000 people, directly employing six per cent of the workforce, compared with just 4.5 per cent nationally.

"Since 1995, employment in construction in Kent has risen by more than 70 per cent, compared with a total rise in all employment of less than 20 per cent.

"To get things moving, we need to cut through bureaucracy, over-regulation, risk-averse bankers and other blockages. Since 1980, the number of planning regulations has grown from two to more than 20, which adds at least 25 per cent of building costs. However, we now have an opportunity to change things.

"The Government is willing to work with us, so let's look at innovative solutions and make it a conducive environment for business to get on and start building."

The meeting was chaired by Terry Mitchell, project director of Skanska Infrastructure Development UK. He said: "Construction plays a crucial role in boosting the economy. We are fortunate that KCC is committed to growth and infrastructure projects. The public and private sectors need to work together and be proactive in how we utilise the Government's planning framework. We need the right policies, sound leadership and the right people to help support economic growth."

KCC's economic development boss Cllr Kevin Lynes said: "We want to do all we can to help Kent companies benefit from construction programmes and keep the taxpayer pound in the county.

"We are committed to driving efficiencies through the supply chain, by looking at our procurement process and helping the industry by providing tailored training for young people.

"It is a time for boldness, especially in the current policy vacuum, to help shape policy. So let us work together to make this change and help unlock the county's potential."

Half-truths cannot compensate for loss of free legal advice

Matthew Woodhams says the government has exaggerated legal bills to reduce its costs

YOU are about to lose the right to free legal advice.

The Government has decided to act to try to remove what is claimed to be a crippling burden on business, industry and government – known as the 'compensation culture'.

It is to implement massive reforms, based on the recommendations of experts, which will transform the system into a quick, cheap and efficient process.

The problem is that this is not entirely accurate. The awards which are reported in the media are generally exaggerated to make a better story, particularly by the tabloid national press.

Legal costs tend to actually be quite modest, the large amounts sometimes incurred are actually caused by defendants refusing to compensate the genuine victims of wrong.

Even the Government has been less than candid. It is the biggest defendant in personal injury actions and is reforming the system to reduce the costs. Fair enough, you might say, but it has exaggerated the actual cost by more than 50 per cent to try to push changes through.

CHANGE: Matthew Woodhams of Whitehead Monckton

The truth is that personal injury claim numbers have been falling, year on year, for nearly a decade.

To be fair, as only half the story has been told and half the facts are true, only half the recommendations for reform are being introduced. The problem is that this will make the system worse. And if you have been injured, you will end up with less money.

Why? Lawyers don't get paid if a claim fails, but they get an extra fee for each case they do win, called a success fee.

This is to cover the cost of those lost cases and ensure that everyone has the chance to see a lawyer for free if you have had an accident. The success fee at present is paid by the losing party.

The main change that is likely to happen is this fee is now going to be paid out of your damages instead.

This means losing 25 per cent of your compensation. It will probably only be for new case once the reforms are introduced next year. So what should you do?

If you have a claim, don't delay in consulting a solicitor. If you start the case now you will keep all your damages. If you delay, it might cost you 25 per cent of your compensation.

For further information about personal injury claims, contact Whitehead Monckton on 01622 698000.

Have your say on proposals before workplace dispute window closes

EMPLOYERS are being urged to have their say on the Government's public consultation on resolving workplace disputes.

The feedback window, which closes on Wednesday, gives businesses the chance to comment on proposals to reform employment laws.

While many of the plans will help improve the efficiency of the employment tribunal system, Furley Page solicitor Sian Stubberfield warned that the amendments could be seen as a mixed blessing.

One proposal in particular that is likely to be extremely unpopular with the business community is the introduction of financial penalties on employers who have failed in their legal obligations towards an employee.

Stubberfield said: "The proposal would give a tribunal an additional power to impose a penalty equal to half the total amount awarded to the claimant.

"This would be payable to the Exchequer rather than the claimant, with an upper limit of £5,000.

"Employers would be encouraged to pay quickly, with a reduction of 50 per cent of the financial penalty available to those who paid within 21 days.

"The aim is to reduce the number of tribunal claims, but employers may feel the Government is giving with one hand under some proposals and effectively taking back the potential benefits under this proposal."

Other key proposals in the consultation paper, which has been published by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Tribunals Service, include: increasing the qualifying period for bringing a claim for unfair dismissal from one year's service to two years' service; measures to encourage early conciliation and mediation, with all claims required to be submitted initially to Acas instead of the Tribunals Service; and introducing a fee payable by both claimants and respondents at a tribunal to try to prevent claims that have little or no prospect of success.

Stubberfield added: "Overall, the Government's proposals aim to encourage workplace disputes to be resolved at an early stage, cutting the number of claims that proceed to full hearings and ultimately reducing the amount of time and money that employers have to invest to defend themselves."

The full consultation paper can be viewed at www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/resolving-workplace-disputes.

COHABITATION

Document is essential tool

UNMARRIED live-in couples are being advised to sign a Cohabitation Agreement.

Gullands said the document would give security to those do not have key rights protected through marriage or a civil partnership.

The Maidstone-based solicitors' Melissa Markham said: "People still mistakenly believe they are someone's common law husband or wife but this is just a phrase which describes people who live together and in reality they have few rights.

"Therefore couples who are looking to protect themselves now and to provide certainty in regard to their future wishes should their relationship end due to death or otherwise, should consider a Cohabitation Agreement.

"The Agreement should also cover how those assets should be dealt with on separation or on the death of one of the parties.

"For couples buying property together I would certainly say this is an essential financial tool which can provide peace of mind."

GUIDES

Rethinking retirement

SAGA has published two guides to help elderly employees and their employers respond to the end of retirement age regulations.

The move was prompted by the abolition of the default retirement age, which saw workers laid off at 65.

Saga director-general Dr Ros Altmann said: "We are delighted that the Government abolished the default retirement age. It should have been done years ago. We have been very concerned to see recent cases of employers outrageously forcing their workers in to retirement before the new regime sets in – this is a sheer disgrace."

Launching the Saga Guides to Rethinking Retirement, Dr Altmann added: "It's not just a moral responsibility to let people work as long as they want, it's now also a legal responsibility – but both employers and employees may well find the first steps into the unknown to be a bit daunting – so we've done what we can to help make this an easier cultural transition."

MEDIATION

Move to cut court cases

GOVERNMENT has introduced measures to increase the use of mediation in a bid to cut the number of cases going to court.

The new court rules in family cases were introduced on Wednesday, April 6.

Whitehead Monckton's senior solicitor and accredited family lawyer specialist Jonathan Miller said: "The rules do not make the use of mediation mandatory, but a party who starts their claim without giving it consideration risks their claim being adjourned to allow those enquiries to be completed.

"In a time of public spending cutbacks, the government is anxious to see disputes resolved out of court, and so wishes to see the use of mediation increased.

"However, these enquires do not need to be considered in cases of emergency or where there has been domestic violence in the past. It remains to be seen whether this will increase the use of mediation, and save parties the expense of court proceedings."

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Power station apprentice scoops award

A NUCLEAR engineer based at Dungeness B power station has scooped the National Apprentice of the Year Award for the South East.

Vicky Mitchell, 21, (pictured) who works in the control and instrumentation department within the maintenance area of the plant, became a qualified technician last August.

Actor Chris Barrie – aka Rimmer in the 1990s sci-fi sitcom Red Dwarf – presented Vicky with her prize at a ceremony organised by the National Skills Academy for Nuclear and Cogent Sector Skills Council.

"I was so excited to win the award," she said. "I chose a career in engineering particularly in the nuclear industry because I have always had an interest in the Dungeness B, which sits on our coastline and has been a part of my life from an early age as my dad also works at the station.

"It's great to have a career where I can go into work and learn something new every day. I also have the opportunity to do a degree and expand on my career further, either in an engineering role or a leadership role."

EDF Energy runs modern apprenticeship schemes at all its nuclear power stations, with seven apprentices due to start their training at Dungeness in August.

The four-year programme includes two years at the Royal Navy bases at HMS Sultan and Collingwood, near Portsmouth, with the final two predominantly based at the power station.

Vicky said: "An apprenticeship will give you the skills for life which can give you the best opportunities.

"Commitment is important and you need to commit while you're in school, making sure you get the best grades you can so that when you come out you can choose which way you want to enter into the industry, either through an apprenticeship or through a graduate scheme."

Dungeness B station director Graham Finn spoke of his delight at Vicky's award win.

He said: "I was very proud and I hope this spurs on other women to join the industry and consider a career in engineering."

Centre offers advice for a greener future

By Steve Knight
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STUDENTS, engineers and architects are among those set to benefit from the opening of a new eco-friendly construction centre.

The Build4 Sustainable Construction Demo Centre in Dover is the brainchild of the community interest company BSK-CiC, which aims to keep Kent working by giving hundreds of local businesses access to a wide range of new building techniques.

Visitors to the centre will also find out about eco-friendly products including paints, insulation materials, timber, roof tiles, mortar, render, and solar panels.

BSK-CiC chief executive Bob Jones said: "I am delighted to welcome the opening of Kent's new Build4 Sustainable Construction Demo Centre.

"As an organisation we support hundreds of businesses across the South East every month, but we rarely see the fruits of our labour.

"With this centre we can show the business community the opportunity presented by the sustainable construction market, what it looks and feels like, and how they can take advantage of it."

Mr Jones said the principal aim of the demonstration centre was to knock down the barriers and address the misconceptions to using more sustainable building materials.

One of six centres across northern Europe – including in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany – Build4 also has the capacity to host small events, meetings, training sessions and seminars.

Mr Jones said: "It is really exciting to see design, innovative materials and skills coming together in one place.

"The centre is really well placed to inspire our designers as to what is possible, our builders as to how to achieve sustainable structures, and our craftsmen and women to be able to deliver it on the ground."

Based in Chatham High Street, BSK-CiC is a not-for-profit organisation with a 15-year track record of delivering UK and European-funded programmes across the South East. The company says it is dedicated to supporting small and medium-size enterprises to develop and grow, with "a mission to inspire them about tomorrow's world and equip them to succeed".

In keeping with its responsibility for community interest, BSK-CiC commissioned two students to provide the designs for the interior of the new centre.

They were Neil Quinn, who recently graduated from the London-based Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, and Rafat Jahandideh, who is currently in her second year of studies at the Canterbury campus of the University for the Creative Arts.

The project team has also been collaborating with the Dover Skills Centre, which is located in the adjacent building.

A spokesman said: "The centre has provided students of construction trade courses the ideal opportunity to gain experience on using the materials that will be part of their working life. They will have a competitive advantage over students training on conventional materials."

LEFT TO RIGHT: Recent architecture graduate Neil Quinn, project manager Alisa Yingling, BSK-CiC chief executive Bob Jones, and architecture student Rafat Jahandideh, at the opening of the Build4 Sustainable Construction Demo Centre

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Young brickies show how it's done in regional construction showcase

BRICKLAYING students at Thanet College laid the foundation for a sturdy future in building with success in a regional competition.

The event was divided into two groups – senior and junior – with participants in the senior section competing for a place in the national final at Bridgewater College, Somerset, on Thursday, June 23.

Thanet College student Darron Wiltshire won in the junior category and was described by the judges as "outstanding", while Michael Olley came third in the seniors, finishing just 15 points off top spot.

Bricklaying students from eight different colleges in and around London were given a set amount of time to build to a prearranged specification, with Thanet the only Kent college that took part.

Former world champion speed-bricklayer Tony Gregory made a guest appearance at the event and said he was delighted with the work on display, especially given the difficulty of the competition.

When asked what he thought of the students' performance, Mr Gregory said: "The lads are doing well under pressure. The work they are doing is of a good standard."

Thanet College will host next year's competition of the Guild of Bricklayers, which was formed in 1932 to promote high standards of craftsmanship in brickwork.

Philanthropy is the future, says minister

GOVERNMENT minister David Willetts has praised the University for the Creative Arts for the financial support it provides to students through philanthropic donations.

The universities minister spoke during a fundraising event hosted by UCA – which has campuses in Rochester, Maidstone and Canterbury - which was also used to thank those who had donated to last year's scholarship fund.

These included Vogue editor Alexandra Shulman, fashion designer Anne Tyrrell, former MasterChef host Loyd Grossman, and artist Humphrey Ocean.

Mr Willetts said: "With money getting tighter in higher education, philanthropy and contributions from people who want to show their support for higher education matter even more.

"The obligation of the Exchequer and taxpayers to finance higher education is very important but we can't do it on our own. It is therefore great to see that UCA has already put so much effort into raising funds, and that students are already benefiting from the scholarship programme that has been put in place."

Mr Willetts added: "What your university does is excellent. I love its diversity and its mission for the creative arts, and I want you to know we greatly appreciate the distinctive contribution UCA makes to our higher education system."

UCA officials also used the event at the House of Commons to announced the launch of the 2011 scholarship fund – worth almost £50,000 – that will help support some 22 students during their time at the university.

HIGH PRAISE: University minister David Willetts

They are offered to undergraduate and postgraduate students from any background who show outstanding creative potential in their chosen field in the arts.

Head of development Matthew Horton said: "Scholarship donations are the bedrock of UCA's fundraising programme. Not only do they give vital support to students across all disciplines but they also allow donors to engage with the UCA community in a truly positive way."

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Students earn Young Enterprise victory with unique learning tools

BUSINESS-SAVVY pupils at Dover Grammar School for Girls have won the district's Young Enterprise competition for the second year running.

The group, which branded itself as FUNdamentools, won a trophy, certificate and cheque for £250 for its design of a reading and audio book aimed at children who have learning difficulties.

They will now go on to represent Dover at the Kent final on May 4.

"Once again there was strong competition from across the schools taking part," said Ande Case, chairman of the Dover area board for Young Enterprise.

"A wide range of products, sales success, learning and the prospect of future businesses reinforces just how pivotal Young Enterprise can be in developing our young entrepreneurs.

"I would like to personally thank each company – and indeed each member of those companies – for all their hard work, and congratulate them on their achievements.

"They should be very proud of themselves."

Prizes were also awarded to pupils from St Edmund's Catholic School, who won 'best company presentation', and Sir Roger Manwood's School, whose Zest group won best 'company display stand' and whose Swift team won 'best company report'.

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Chestnut Nursery SchoolsChestnut Nursery Schools are opening in June at the Sue Bramley Children's Centre in Barking and Dagenham and have positions available for Childcare Practitioners. We also have positions available at our Nursery Settings based in Newham.We can offer:* A competitive salary* A non contributory pension scheme* Flexible paid holidays* Opportunities for further training* A vibrant and friendly working environment* Opportunity to work with a successful, well-established company The ideal candidate must have:* Qualified to level 3 minimum* Willing to undertake further training if needed* Able to work in a team* Good understanding of the EYFSChestnut Nurseries have 8 settings, of which 6 are based in Children's Centres across Newham and Barking and Dagenham. We are committed

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London
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

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Please send C.V to Ray Baigent
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Sheet Metal Worker / Welder

Sheerness
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Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
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Fabricator

Rochester
Salary £8-8.50 an hour
My client in Medway is looking for a Fabricator on a temporary basis leading onto a permanent position after 13 weeks for the right candidate. We are looking for an experienced general fabricator with steelwork experience, to work mainly with stainless steel and balustrades. Must also have MIG, ARC and TIG welding experience and be able to provide at least one reference. This job role includes working both in the workshop and onsite and must note fabrication is the majority of the work load.
Please apply for this by sending your CV with contact details and previous work history to maidstone.admin@thebestconn ection.co.uk or calling 01622664999 and asking for Danielle Hunsdon.

Maintenance Engineer

Kent
Salary 26000-27000
Duration: PermanentSkills: 17th Edition, PLC, engineer, maintenance, multi skilled, food, packaging, fmcgDescription: Maintenance Engineer (Food)A renowned food manufacturer is looking to recruit a Maintenance Engineer in Leeds.Working as part of a multi-skilled engineering team on a 4 on/4 off shift basis your responsibilities will include providing reactive and pro active maintenance cover across the production lines. This will include breakdowns, fault finding, modifications, PPM and supporting project & continuous improvement initiatives. All applicants must have recent experience of working within a food manufacturing environment and will be conversant with PLC's. In addition to this the candidates will have a good knowledge of both mechanical & electrical engineering and will hold suitable trade qualification including 17th Edition. The Salary for this position is £26,000 - £27,000.To apply to this job vacancy please e-mail a copy of your CV to gcrawley@strgroup.co.uk or call Gary on 02392 322 372 to discuss making an application.STR Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.

BMS Project Manager

London
Salary 45000-48000
Skills: BMS Project Manager, Trend front ends, IQ2, IQ3xcite, IQLBMS, London, Home Counties, Berkshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Surrey, West London, 963, 962, 945, Essex, Kent, Trend BMSDescription: BMS Project ManagerOur client provide BMS service, upgrades and new builds in the South East of England. They are well known and have a huge reputation within the industry. They now require a BMS Project Manager.The BMS Project Manager will be overseeing new and existing project installs in London and surrounding areas. The BMS Project Manager will be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills and have a good understanding of how to run a BMS project from start to finish. The BMS Project Manager will have full control of sites managing engineers, sub contractors, being first point of call to the customer and budgets etc.As the BMS Project Manager you will need to have over seen either Trend, Priva or Siemens BMS projects and ideally be from a technical background (not essential).The package will be made up of £45-48k basic depending on experience + Pension + Mobile + Laptop + Tools + Expenses + Car or Car allowance.The successful BMS Project Manager will be based London or surrounding areas. Running projects from start to finish is important and BMS project experience is essential.BMS Project Manager, Trend front ends, IQ2, IQ3xcite, IQLBMS, London, Home Counties, Berkshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Surrey, West London, 963, 962, 945, Essex, Kent, Trend BMSContact Aaron Lansiquot for more information alansiquot@cbsbutler.com0173 7 821 032Benefits: full package + car option

Test Team Leader

Surrey
Salary 24000-28000
Duration:
PermanentDescription: A need has arisen for a Test Team Leader to join a Global Electro-Mechanical manufacturing organisation. As Test Team Leader you will be responsible for ensuring that Electro Mechanical products are tested in line with quality procedures and customer delivery demands are met as well as leading a team of test engineers. As Test Team Leader you will have a solid background in testing Electro-Mechanical products as well as a proven record of man management within a manufacturing organisation. Ideally with a degree in Engineering you must be able to motivate a team, test Electro-Mechanical equipment and implement continuous improvement techniques in order to increase productivity and reduce cost. Previous experience of working as a hands on Test Technician and managing a team of Test Engineers is essential for this position. A working knowledge of problem solving tools 8D, Fishbone diagrams and Poke Yoke are desirable.
Experience of air-conditioning equipment is also highly advantageous. On offer is an opportunity to join an expanding organisation with a competitive Salary and benefits package. This position is commutable from Staines, Hounslow, Weybride, Walton on Thames, Kingston Upon Thames, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex and the M3 and A308 corridors.To apply for this position please email your CV to cspence@strgroup.co.uk or call 02392 314671 for more information.STR Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.Benefits: life assurance and pension

Refrigeration Engineer

London
Salary 30000-40000
Duration: PermanentSkills: refrigerationDescription: Refrigeration Engineer - SupermarketsOur client is a specialist commercial refrigeration contractor who are currently looking for refrigeration engineers with supermarket experience. You will be directly responsible for large supermarket sites across London & Home Counties and will be expected to operate on a 24hr callout rota.Experience of remote central plant and associated controls is essential. The company is a national supplier of refrigeration equipment and offers engineers very good conditions & benefits. Based on a 40-hour week the Salary is £30,000 + overtime, call out and travel time payments.Please contact Gary on 02392 322 372 to discuss this position or forward a copy of your CV to gcrawley@strgroup.co.uk.STR Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.

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Hardware Development Engineer

Surrey
Salary 27000-32000
Duration:
PermanentDescription: A Hardware Development Engineer is required to join the research and development group of a global manufacturing organisation in the Hampshire area. As Hardware Development Engineer you will be responsible for following an Electronic instrumentation design through the full life cycle from initial concept through to production. Using both your digital and analogue Electronics design experience you will work as part of a small established team modifying and developing data acquisition systems to specific customer specifications.
With a strong background in Electronics and Electronics design the ideal candidate must have worked as a Hardware Development Engineer, be able to communicate well within a small team and able to provide Hardware technical support to other engineers within the development group. Experience of both analogue and digital design is must as well as a passion for Electronics design.
The ability to speak conversational French is a benefit for this position.
Flexibility to travel on a rare occasion to Head Office and international manufacturing sites is also required. On offer is the opportunity to join a family owned global organisation with a competitive Salary and benefits including pension and Healthcare. This position is commutable from Liss, Haslemere, Midhurst, Petersfield, Liphook, Waterlooville, Guildford, Hampshire,A3 and A27 corridors. To apply for this position please email cspence@strgroup.co.uk or call 02391 314671 for more information.STR Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.Benefits: pension and healthcare

Technical Support Supervisor

Kent
Salary 28000-30000
Duration:
PermanentDescription: A need has arisen for a Technical Support Supervisor to join a Global Electronics Distribution organisation. As Technical Support Supervisor you will be responsible for providing technical leadership and technical assistance to both Technical Support Engineers and a client base within a specialised market. Using your Bachelor or Masters of Science in Electronic Engineering or equivalent you will have a technical knowledge of Electronic products and have previously worked in a Technical Support position within the Electronics industry. With a proven history of managing a team you must have the ability to mentor and motivate individuals as well as having strong communication skills both written and orally and willingness to deal with complex enquiries that have been passed up to a management level. With your experience of working within the Electronics industry you will ideally have a specialist area of Electronics you are able to provide technical support within and drive to build client relationships to maximise sales as well as growing your market knowledge. On offer is the opportunity to join a global organisation with a competitive salary, attractive benefits and career progression. This position is commutable from Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Armley, Pudsey, Castleford, West Yorkshire, M1 and M6 corridors. To apply for this position please email your CV to cspence@strgroup.co.uk or call Chloe Spence on 02392 314671 for more information. STR Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.Benefits: benefits

Technical Support Engineer

Kent
Salary 23700-25000
Duration:
PermanentDescription: A Technical Support Engineer is required for a Global Electronics Distribution organisation. Using your degree in Electronic engineering or equivalent you will have a proven track record of working as a Technical Support Engineer and be responsible for providing technical advice to a UK client base via phone, email and live chat on a range Electronic Products such as Transistors, Diodes, Microprocessors, and Oscillators as well as offering post sale technical support. Experience of working within a Technical support role is essential for this position as well as a strong Electronics background either as an Electronics Engineer or a Technical Support Engineer.
Strong oral and written communication skills are a must and the successful candidate must also have a passion for Electronics and providing Technical Support. On offer is an opportunity to join a market leading organisation with a competitive salary. This position is commutable from Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Armley, Pudsey, Castleford, West Yorkshire, M1 and M6 corridors. To apply for this postion please email your CV to cspence@strgroup.co.uk or call 02392 314671 for more information.STR Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.

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BMS Project Manager

London
Salary 40000-48000
Skills: BMS Project Manager, Trend front ends, IQ2, IQ3xcite, IQLBMS, London, Home Counties, Berkshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Surrey, West London, 963, 962, 945, Essex, Kent, Trend BMSDescription: BMS Project ManagerOur client require a BMS Project Manager to manage existing and new project builds in the London and Home Counties area. The BMS Project Manager will be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills and have a good understanding of how to run a BMS project from start to finish. The BMS Project Manager will have full control of sites managing engineers, sub contractors, being first point of call to the customer and budgets etc.As the BMS Project Manager you will need to have over seen Trend, Priva or Siemens BMS projects and have an understanding of how BMS work within commercial and industrial buildings.The package will be made up of £45-48k basic depending on experience + Pension + Mobile + Laptop + Tools + Expenses + Car or Car allowance.The successful BMS Project Manager will be based London or surrounding areas. Running projects from start to finish is essential and BMS project experience would be key.BMS Project Manager, Trend front ends, IQ2, IQ3xcite, IQLBMS, London, Home Counties, Berkshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Surrey, West London, 963, 962, 945, Essex, Kent, Trend BMSContact Aaron Lansiquot for more information alansiquot@cbsbutler.com0173 7 821 032Benefits: full package + car or car allowance

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Mobile - Business Development Manager

London
Salary 45000-55000
Description: Our client is the biggest communications company in the UK.Joining their Mobile Media and Mobile Advertising team, you'll focus on evolving their mobile marketing services. From mobile coupons and contactless marketing to shortcodes, identity and CRM, it's a broad remit. And building a range of innovative partnerships and services that get their customers what they want, wherever they want it, you'll keep the business at the forefront of the market. You might not come from a mobile background, but you'll have worked in business development in either media or advertising. So you'll know all about the challenges and possibilities of mobile marketing and advertising, and have the energy and entrepreneurial flair to spot and exploit all the opportunities the market offers. Highly motivated and excited about making new things happen, you'll be a great negotiator and confident building everything from lasting relationships to business cases.Benefits: car + bonus

Publishing Account Manager (with travel)

London
Salary 25000-27000
Description: This independent publishing company, that was formed in 1998, has grown to become a leading information provider within its core markets. They provide high-value, specialist business information to the insurance, hedge funds and online gaming industries. They deliver key information to defined target audiences through magazines, yearbooks, events and community websites. Their London Headquarters employs over 60 staff.The position of Publishing Account Manager is working across two products within their Fund Management portfolio, each includes the latest news, performance data, profiles, strategy, industry comment and insightful articles aimed specifically at fund managers, investors and service providers. The role requires someone with at least two years media sales experience selling on and offline media packages. In this position you will be working from a database of warm leads, selling to B2B clients globally over the phone and face to face. You will be attending specific industry events for networking and brand development. Managing Admin to ensure follow up calls and complete sales process. You must have the ability to work independently and as part of a team.The role also requires International travel (Up to 8 times a year to financial centres such as Bermuda, Cayman, Singapore & Malta)The company are an Independent with and career development.Benefits: £20k commission plus International travelSingapore & Malta)The company are an

Digital Account Manager

London
Salary 35000
Description: As Digital Account Manager and point of contact for this client, you will need to have excellent client servicing skills to manage the client and campaigns on a day to day basis as well as the ability to work closely with the comms o detailThe ideal candidate will have:* Experience in digital Atlas DMT.* Working knowledge of DDS or adazzle
(Please send your cv to gkane@xchangeteam.com or call Gillian on 0207 0254 431Benefits: Excellent Benefits

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Accountancy

Co-ordinator

Ramsgate
Salary C £20,000 PA
Co-ordinatorThanet Kidz Klub Salary c £20,000 pa + Accommodation + Pension TKK in partnership with Church Army are seeking to appoint an exceptionally gifted Christian person to plan, organise and deliver a term time Kidz Klub for the area. Included will be responsibility for administration, the budget, fund raising and volunteers. Additionally the Co-ordinator will have responsibility for developing the work across the churches of Thanet.Based in The Marlowe Innovation Centre in Ramsgate the Saturday morning Kidz Klub takes place in the adjacent Marlowe Academy along with evening home visiting during the week.
If you are experienced in working with children of primary school age and feel you can take this one year old ecumenical project forward please send your CV with covering letter to:Mrs G. E.Trumble,Thanet Kidz Klub,The Marlowe Innovation Centre, Stirling Way, Ramsgate CT12 6NA.This position is subject to an Enhanced CRB.Closing date for receipt of applications 20th April. Interviews 28th April.TKK is in the process of applying for independent charitable status.

Book Keeper

Medway
Salary Negotiable
PART-TIME BOOK KEEPER REQUIRED, 5 mornings per weekMust be conversant with Quickbooks and VATreturns. Must be a flexible worker, reliable andable to work on own initiative.Please call Geoff on 01634 832895 oremail geoff@airqualityassurance.co.uk

Administrator and PA to Doctor

Canterbury
Salary TBC
Full-time/ Part-time
Are you looking for a change in direction or looking to take a new route with your skills? An opportunity has arisen within a rapidly expanding, exceptional health centre.The position is extremely sought after and is available immediately. Administrator and PA to Doctor of a rapidly expanding health care practice. We require minimum qualifications of 5 GCSE's Grade C and above (must include English and Mathematics) Basic computer skills are preferable: Proficient user of Sage 50 and Microsoft Office, particularly Word, Excel and Publisher • Hard working and motivated • Enthusiastic and committed • Organised and efficient Work well solo • Works well within a team • Thrives on self improvement and success

Catering

Chef

Deal
Salary Negotiable
Chef required for small care home in DealImmediate start. Must have experience.Every other weekend - 3 shifts and 4 shifts, alternative.For more information please phone 01304 372312 and speak to the Manager or Deputy Manager

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Child Care

Co-ordinator

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RGN Deputy Manager

London
Salary £28000 - £30000
Duration: PermanentSkills: RGN Deputy ManagerDescription: Deputy Manager - Nursing Home - East Sussex A Deputy Manager is required for a Nursing Home in East Sussex to work on a fixed term contract for maternity cover. The home specialises in care for elderly residents and requires a RGN1 qualified candidate for the position. Candidates need to have a valid NMC Pin and have knowledge of GSS. Candidates ideally will have management experience.The post is contracted for 39 hours a week and provides a salary up to £30,000 per annum.The role is commutable from Shoreham-by-Sea, Portslade, Hove and Brighton.To apply send your updated details to pbooth@strgroup.co.uk or call Paul on 02392 31489 to discuss further. STR Health Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.

Deputy Manager (RGN)

Kent
Salary 30000-32000
Duration: PermanentSkills: RGN Deputy Manager Description: Deputy Manager - Nursing Home - KentA Deputy Manager is required for nursing home in Kent.Registered General Nurse required to work as a Deputy Manager in a large purpose built nursing home in Kent. The home specialises in older people with dementia and in addition to the above duties you will be required to cover in the absence of the manager as well as dealing with on call duties whilst the manager is away. .Applicants must be a registered general nurse (RGN) and hold a valid and up to date NMC PIN. Previous knowledge of working within a nursing home environment is essential. A competitive salary of up to £32,000 is available as well as ongoing training and development within a progressive and expanding company.This role is based in Kent and is commutable from Ashford, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Staplehurst.To apply contact Paul Booth on 02392 314689 or email pbooth@strgroup.co.ukSTR Health Limited is acting as an Employment Agency in relation to this vacancy.

Customer Service, Call Centre

Deputy Facilities Manager/Receptionist

Ramsgate
Salary £7.27 per hour
Deputy Facilities Manager/Receptionist
12 Months contract to commence June 2011or earlier 7.5 hours per week initially, increasing to23.5 hours per week 1st July 2011Salary: £7.27 per hourWe are looking to appoint a Deputy Facilities Manager/Receptionist on a twelve month fixed term contractto commence as soon as possible. Duties to include meeting and greeting visitors; handling incoming calls, conference servicing and general receptionduties. The successful applicant will be versatile, friendly, confident and able to handle telephone and ICT systems. Hours initially to be one day a week until the end of June 2011 and increasing to four afternoons and all day Friday from 1st July 2011.For further information and an application pack pleasecontact Leza Riley on 01843 598600 or visit our website www.marloweinnovationcentre.co.uk Closing date: Thursday 21st April 2011Interviews to be held week commencing 25th April 2011The Marlowe Innovation Centre is situated on The Marlowe Academy site and shares The Academy's commitment to safeguarding and protecting thewelfare of children and therefore the successful applicant will be subject toappropriate child protection screening including checks with previous employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

Domestic

Cleaners

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Salary TBC
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Essex
Salary TBC
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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PROW - Borough of Ashford

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

SHEET 103 (TQ94NW)

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW108, LITTLE CHART)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2009

On 25th March 2011 an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by amending the entry in the Definitive Statement for Public Footpath AW108 as follows:

The section of footpath between NGR TQ 9361 4652 (point B on the Order Plan) and NGR TQ 9400 4619 (point A on the Order Plan) and measuring 521.8 metres in length, has a variable width of between 2.5 metres and 6.3 metres detailed as follows from point B:

5.9 metres wide for 57 metres; 6.3 metres wide between 57 – 76.2 metres; 4.2 metres wide between 76.2 – 149.6 metres; 3.9 metres wide between 149.6 – 201.1 metres; 3.6 metres wide between 201.1 – 237.3 metres; 3.4 metres wide between 237.3 – 249.5 metres; 3.53 metres wide between 249.5 – 260.4 metres; 5.4 metres wide between 260.4 – 374.7 metres; 5.2 metres wide between 374.7 – 408.7 metres; 4.2 metres wide between 408.7 – 513.1 metres narrowing to 2.5 metres wide at 521.8 metres (point A on the Order Plan)

(By reference to J C White Footpath Survey Drawing No 1, Revision B, dated October 2009)

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Map contained in it has been deposited at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and may be inspected free of charge during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased.

This Order became operative as from 25th March 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 17th April 2011 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - Borough of Swale

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR488

IN THE PARISH OF GRAVENEY WITH GOODNESTONE

(Public Footpath ZR488, in the Parish of Graveney with Goodnestone)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed part of Public Footpath ZR488 at NGR TR 056 638 (approx 100 metres west of Seasalter Road) from 4th April 2011

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen after one week.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route will be marked locally and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

Tel: (01303) 814534 Ext 209

PROW - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

I) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR24, BURHAM) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

II) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR52 (PARTS), BURHAM) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

The above Orders, made under sections 118 and 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will:-

i) extinguish the entire width of that length of **Public Footpath MR24** which commences at its junction with Public Bridleways MR24 and MR599 at NGR TQ 7447 6203 (point A) and passes for 98 metres in a north north westerly direction to its connection with Common Road at NGR TQ 7443 6212 (point B).

ii) a) divert the entire width of that length of **Public Footpath MR52** which commences at its junction with Public Footpath MR23 at NGR TQ 7406 6225 (point A) and passes for 466 metres in an east south easterly through south easterly direction to its connection with Public Bridleways MR24 and MR599 at NGR TQ 7447 6203 (point B)

b) divert the entire width of that length of **Public Footpath MR52** which commences at its junction with Public Bridleways MR24 and MR599 at NGR TQ 7447 6203 (point D) and passes for 28 metres in a south easterly direction to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath MR52 at NGR TQ 7449 6201 (point E).

and will provide: -

ii) a) a new length of **Public Footpath MR52** which commences at the aforementioned point A (NGR TQ 7406 6225) and passes for 440 metres in a south easterly through east south easterly direction to its connection with Public Bridleway MR599 at NGR TQ 7446 6208 (Point C). The new length of path will have a width of 2.0 metres. There will be a kissing gate at NGR TQ 7414 6220 (point X) and at NGR TQ 7446 6208 (point C). The kissing gates will conform to BS 5709:2006.

b) a new length of **Public Footpath MR52** which commences at the aforementioned point E at NGR TQ 7449 6201 and runs in a northerly direction for 20 metres to its connection with Public Bridleway MR599 at NGR TQ 7449 6203 (point F). The new length of path will have a width of 1.7 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

Copies of the Orders and Maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Orders and Maps may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Orders may be sent in writing to Laura Wilkins at the address below before 23 May 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made and quote the relevant path reference (e.g. MR52).

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MR206, MR214, MR204, MR213, MR212 AND MR210

IN THE PARISH OF STANSTED

(Public Footpaths MR206, MR214, MR204, MR213, MR212 and MR210 in the Parish of Stansted)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed the following Footpaths:-
MR206 at (National Grid Reference) NGR TQ 611 619
MR214 at NGR TQ 609 616
MR204 at NGR TQ 607 612
MR213 at NGR TQ 605 611
MR212 at NGR TQ 601 611
MR210 at NGR TQ 601 611
from the 11th April 2011

The routes are to be closed because works to lay a water pipeline are planned on them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The paths will be closed until such time as the work is completed or for a maximum of six months, whichever is the sooner. It is expected that each path will only be closed for 1 month while work is being carried out.

The alternative routes are Stansted Hill, Tumblefield Road and Plaxdale Green Road and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact:
Michele Snoding
Tel: 01732 872829 (6).

PROW - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS WC256 & WC257A

IN THE PARISH OF FRITTENDEN

(Public Footpaths WC256 & WC257A in the Parish of Frittenden) (Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed:
- **Public Footpath WC257A between The Street and Public Footpath WC256 (NGR TQ 814 409) and**
- **Public Footpath WC256 (the western boundary of Frittenden Primary School) from the junction with Public Footpath WC257A (NGR TQ 814 409) and the junction with Public Footpath WC255 (NGR TQ 813 409) from the 11th April 2011**

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned to construct a new school hall and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along the footway of The Street to the Church gate and then along Public Footpath WC255 to the junction with WC256 (NGR TQ 813 409) and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Jonathan Bibby
Tel. 01732 872829 x 8

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House, County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX **DATED: 17th April 2011**

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

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Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CHURCH LANE, KINGSTON, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of ducting works for BT Openreach, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Kingston, Canterbury, on or after 18 April 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside numbers 1-2 Church Lane.

The alternative route is via The Street, Valley Road, Covet Lane, Black Robin Lane and Church Lane.

POUND LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of ducting works on behalf of BT Openreach, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pound Lane, Canterbury, on or after 18 April 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with St Dunstan's Street and the entrance to Pound Lane Car Park.

Access for local residents and businesses will be maintained up to the point of closure, whenever it is safe to do so.

The alternative route is via North Lane, The Causeway and Pound Lane.

WILLIAM STREET, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on William Street, Herne Bay, on or after 3 May 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between High Street and Hanover Square.

The alternative route is via High Street, Beach Street and Kings Road.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of William Street will be suspended between the junctions with Hanover Square and Queen Street to allow access.

WINGHAM LANE, ICKHAM, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable ducting works to be carried out on behalf of BT Openreach, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Wingham Lane (also known as Wingham Road), Ickham, Canterbury, on or after 18 April 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with School Lane and Bay Lane.

The alternative routes are

Westbound via Wingham Lane, A257 Canterbury Road, Cherville lane and School Lane

Eastbound via Wickham Road, Nargate Street, A257 Wingham Road, Canterbury Road and Wingham Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

MONGEHAM ROAD, GREAT MONGEHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gully repairs and carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, on or after 18 April 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with St Richard's Road and Northbourne Road.

The alternative route is via St Richard's Road, Cross Road, Ellens Road, Ellens Hill and Mongeham Road.

VICARAGE LANE, NONINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Vicarage Lane, Nonington, on or after 19 April 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Easole Street and Church Street.

The alternative route is via Holt Street, Butter Street and Church Street.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL TOWER LANE, BEARSTED) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Tower Lane from Roseacre Lane for 110m in a westerly direction on or after Tuesday 19th April 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Yeoman Lane, A20 Ashford Road, Roseacre Lane.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for cabling works. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Louise Skull on 0870 0500792.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

MAIN ROAD, KNOCKHOLT - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Main Road, Knockholt between Brasted Lane and Stoneings Lane.

The Order will become effective on 18th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 24th April 2011 and last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Southbound: Brasted Lane and Stoneings Lane
Northbound: Main Road, Shelleys Lane and Burlings Lane
The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS/DARTFORD/GRAVESHAM/TONBRIDGE & MALLING/TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND MAIDSTONE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule 1 and schedule 2 below.

The Order will become effective on 18th April 2011 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The dates shown in the schedules are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site 7 days in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the restrictions are also stated in the attached schedules.

The roads in schedule 1 will need to be re-closed approximately 7 days after original closure to carry out road sweeping and replacement of lines.

Schedule 1

Sevenoaks

Road Name: Spring Hill, Penshurst
Extent: Between The Lane and Sandfield Road
Date: 27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: B2188 Fordcombe Road, A264 Ashurst Road, Stonecross, A264 Langton Road, Langton Green, A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, A26 London Road, Southborough, B2176 Bidborough Ridge, Bidborough, B2176 Penshurst Road, B2176 Rouges Hill, Penshurst, B2188 Fordcombe Road, Penshurst, B2188 New Road, Penshurst and B2188 Saints Hill, Penshurst

Road Name: Hopgarden Lane, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 28th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane and Grassy Lane

Road Name: Old London Road, Halstead
Extent: Between A224 London Road and Watercroft Road
Date: 3rd May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A224 Orpington by Pass, Wheatsheaf Hill and Old London Road

Road Name: Honeypot Lane, Kemsing
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 3rd May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Noah's Ark, St Edith's Road, High Street, Heaverham Road and Watery Lane

Dartford

Road Name: Ship Lane, Sutton at Hone
Extent: Between A225 Main Road and Church Road
Date: 4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A225 Main, A20 Main Road/London Road, Button Street and Wood Street

Gravesham

Road Name: White Horse Lane, Meopham
Extent: Between Harvel Road and Dean Lane
Date: 4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Harvel Street, Harvel Lane and Harvel Road

Road Name: Cobhambury Road, Cobham
Extent: Between The Street and Warren Road
Date: 5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: The Street, Sole Street, Gold Street, Henley Street and Luddesdown Road

Road Name: Church Lane, Chalk
Extent: Between A226 Rochester Road and Lowe Higham Road
Date: 5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Lower Higham Road, Vicarage Lane, Chalk Road and A226 Rochester Road

Road Name: White Post Lane, Cobham
Extent: Between Round Street and Copt Hall Road
Date: 5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Round Street and Copt Hall Road

Road Name: Jeskyns Road, Cobham
Extent: Between Sole Street and Round Street
Date: 5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Sole Street and Round Street

Road Name: Shorne Ifield Road, Shorne
Extent: Between Mill Hill Lane and Thong Lane
Date: 6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Crown Lane, Forge Lane, A226 Gravesend Road, A226 Rochester Road and Thong Lane

Road Name: Telegraph Hill, Higham
Extent: Between A226 Gravesend Road and Hermitage Road
Date: 6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Hermitage Road, Forge Lane and A226 Gravesend Road

Tonbridge & Malling

Road Name: Old Church Lane, East Peckham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion Park Road, Roydon Hall Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane

Road Name Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Park Road, Roydon Hall Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane

Road Name: Bewley Lane, Plaxtol
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A227 Tonbridge Road, Plaxtol Lane, Tree Lane and Yopp Green

Road Name: Labour in Vain Road, Wrotham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Plaxtol Green Road and Tumblefield Road

Road Name: The Heath, East Malling
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Wateringbury Road, Chapel Street, High Street, Mill Street, Clare Lane, Broadwater Road and Pikey Lane

Road Name: Lower Street, Hildenborough
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, B245 Dryhill Park Road and A227 Shipbourne Road

Road Name: Stan Lane, West Peckham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 28th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Swanton Road, The Hurst, Gover Hill and Forge Lane

Road Name: Longmill Lane, Plaxtol
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 3rd May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Dunks Green Road, Hamptons Road, School Lane and The Street

Road Name: Vigo Hill, Trottiscliffe
Extent: Between A227 Gravesend Road and Taylors Lane
Date: 4th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A227 Gravesend Road, A20 London Road, Ford Lane and Taylors Lane

Road Name: Knowle Road, Wouldham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: High Street, School Lane and Pilgrims Way

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name: Ethnam Lane, Sandhurst
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Frittenden Road, Cranbrook
Extent 1: Between A229 to Common Road
Extent 2: Between Common Road to Digdog Lane
Date: 20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion 1: Common Road and A229
Diversion 2: Frittenden Road, Digdog Lane, A262 Sissinghurst Road, High Street and Common Road

Road Name: London Road, Cranbrook
Extent: Between Frittenden Road and A229
Date: 20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Frittenden Road, Common Road and A229

Road Name: Spongs Lane, Cranbrook
Extent: Frittenden Road and A229
Date: 20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Frittenden Road, Common Road and A229

Road Name: Water Lane, Hawkhurst
Extent: A268 one way section to St Ronan's School
Date: 31st April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Water Lane, A268 Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Potters Lane and Water Lane

Road Name: Glassenbury Road, Cranbrook
Extent: Between A262 Goudhurst Road and Chalk Lane
Date: 21st April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A262 Goudhurst Road, A229 Angley Road, Hartley Road and B2085 Glassenbury Road

Road Name: Church Road, Paddock Wood
Extent: Between Mile Oak Road and Warrington Road
Date: 26th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Mile Oak Road, Mascalls Court Road, B2169 Maidstone Road, Warrington Road and Church Road

Road Name: Queen Street, Paddock Wood
Extent 1: Between Mascalls Court Lane and Church Road
Extent 2: Between Church Road and Lucks Lane
Date: 26th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion 1: Mascalls Court Lane, Mascalls Court Road, B2169 Maidstone Road, Warrington Road and Church Road
Diversion 2: Church Road, Warrington Road, Maidstone Road and Lucks Lane

Road Name: Fordcombe Road, Speldhurst
Extent: Between A264 Ashurst Road and The Lane
Date: 27th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: B2188 Fordcombe Road, Spring Hill, Saints Hill, New Road, Fordcombe Road, B2176 Rouges Hill, Penshurst Road, Bidborough Ridge, A26 London Road, St Johns Road, London Road, A264 Church Road, Mount Ephraim, Bishops Down and Langton Road

Road Name: Foxhole Lane, Hawkhurst
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 12th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A268 Rye Road and Hinksden Lane

Maidstone

Road Name: Peens Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Church Hill, Lower Farm Road and Long Lane

Road Name: Lenham Forstal Road, Lenham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

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Diversion: Forstal Road, Malthouse Lane, A20 Ashford Road/Maidstone Road, Charing Heath Road/Tile Lodge Road and Church Hill

Road Name: Forstal Road, Lenham
Extent: Frontage to Lenham Forstal Cottages
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Lenham Forstal Road

Road Name: Broomfield Road, Broomfield
Extent: Between Ashford Road and Gravelly Bottom Road
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Broomfield Road, Chartway Street, A274 Maidstone Road, B2163 Leeds Road/Upper Street/Lower Street/Penfold Hill and A20 Ashford Road

Road Name: Stickfast Lane, East Sutton
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 18th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: East Sutton Road, A274 Maidstone Road, Tattlebury Road and Tilden Lane

Road Name: Church Road, Otham
Extent: Between Firthwood Close to Whitehorse Lane
Date: 19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Gore Court Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street and Deringwood Drive

Road Name: Warmlake Road, Chart Sutton
Extent: Between A274 to Ivans Field
Date: 19th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Amber Lane, Back Lane, Wierton Lane, B2163 Heath Road, Plough Wents Road and A274 Maidstone Road

Road Name: Wierton Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 20th April 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Lower Farm Road, Church Hill, B2163 Heath Road and Wierton Lane

Road Name: Grange Lane, Boxley
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 6th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Boarley Lane, Sandling Lane and Boxley Road

Road Name: Underlyn Lane, Marden
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 17th and 24th April 2011 between 09.00 – 19.00
Diversion: B2079 Maidstone Road/High Street/Church Green/West End/Goudhurst Road, Sheephurst Lane, B2162 Benover Road and Green Lane/Hunton Road

Schedule 2

Sevenoaks

Road Name: Scabharbour Road, Leigh
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 19th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Morley Road, B245 London Road, Watts Cross Road and Philpot's Lane

Road Name: East Hill Road, West Kingsdown
Extent: Between Goodbury Road and Cherry Tree Grove
Date: 26th May 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Watery Lane, Kemsing
Extent: Between Heaverham Road and Honeypot Lane
Date: 27th May 2011 for 8 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Heaverham Road, High Street, St Edith's Road, Noah's Ark and Honeypot Lane

Road Name: Beldham Haws, Halstead
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 1st June 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Goodbury Road, Shoreham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 2nd June 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Birchin Cross Road and Clarkes Green Road

Road Name: Skeet Hill/Park Gate, Crockenhill
Extent: Between Daltons Road and Golf Course
Date: 6th June 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Skeet Hill Lane, Skibbs Lane, Bucks Cross Road, Hawstead Lane and Well Hill

Road Name: Zambra Way, Seal
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 7th June 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Lakeview Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 8th June 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Lambarde Road, Betenson Avenue and Robyns Way

Road Name: Gordon Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 9th June 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Granville Road and Argyle Road

Road Name: Argyle Road, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 9th June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A224 London Road and Southpark

Road Name: Gracious Lane, Sevenoaks
Extent: Between Gracious Bridge and Hubbards Hill
Date: 10th June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Oak Lane, Ashgrove Road and Weald Road

Road Name: The Brownings, Edenbridge
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 11th June 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Forcombe Road/Spring Hill, Penshurst
Extent: Between A264 Ashurst Road and Sandfield Road
Date: 12th June 2011 for 10 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: A264 Ashurst Road, Stonecross, A264 Langton Road, Langton Green, A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, A26 London Road, Southborough, B2176 Bidborough Ridge, B2176 Penshurst Road, B2176 Rouges Hill, Penshurst, B2188 Fordcombe Road, Penshurst B2188 New Road, Penshurst, B2188 Saints Hill, Penshurst.

Road Name: Cowden Pound Road, Hever
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 15th June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Uckfield Lane, Station Road and Hever Warren Road

Road Name: Nicholson Way, Sevenoaks
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 16th June 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: North Ash Road, Ash Cum Ridley
Extent: Between Ash Road and Redhill Road
Date: 16th June 2011 for 10 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Ash Road and Redhill Road

Dartford

Road Name: Hook Green Road, Southfleet
Extent: Between Whitehill Road and Warren Road
Date: 11th May 2011 for 8 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Dale Road, Station Road, Betsham Road and Highcross Road

Road Name: Dene Walk, Longfield
Extent: From Oakwood Rise for its entire length
Date: 14th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Oakwood Rise, Longfield
Extent: Between Hartley Road and St Marys Way
Date: 14th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Hartley Road, Main Road and St Marys Way

Road Name: St Marys Way, Longfield
Extent: From Main Road for its entire length
Date: 15th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Milton Road, Greenhithe
Extent: Between Church Road and Craylands Lane
Date: 17th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Craylands Lane, London Road and High Street

Road Name: Joyce Green Lane, Dartford
Extent: Between Henderson Drive and Trevithick Drive
Date: 18th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Henderson Drive and Trevithick Drive

Road Name: Rosewood, Wilmington
Extent: From Birchwood Drive for its entire length
Date: 19th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Roman Villa Road, Darenth
Extent: Between Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill
Date: 19th May 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Darenth Hill, Green Street Green Road, St Margaret's Road and Holmesdale Hill

Road Name: Clement Street, Sutton at Hone
Extent: Between Arnolds Lane and Goss Hill
Date: 23rd June 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Goss Hill, Barn End Lane, High Road, Church Hill, Hawley Road, Main Road and Arnolds Lane

Gravesham

Road Name: Waterlow Road, Vigo
Extent: Between Erskine Road and Harvel Road
Date: 26th April 2011 for 14 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Harvel Road and Erskine Road

Road Name: Highview, Meopham
Extent: From Erskine Road for its entire length
Date: 28th April 2011 for 13 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Erskine Road

Road Name: Evenden Road, Meopham
Extent: From Huntingfield Road for its entire length
Date: 4th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Highwoods Close, Higham
Extent: From Fairview Drive for its entire length
Date: 4th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Fairview Drive, Gravesend
Extent: From Oak Drive for its entire length
Date: 5th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Beech Grove, Higham
Extent: Between Taylors Lane and oak Drive
Date: 5th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Taylors Lane, School Lane, Villa Road and Norah Lane

Road Name: Ash Crescent, Higham
Extent: Between Oak Drive and Beech Grove
Date: 6th May 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Oak Drive and Beech Grove

Road Name: Oak Drive, Higham
Extent: Between Norah Lane and Taylors Lane
Date: 6th May 2011 for 6 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Norah Lane, Villa Road, School Lane and Taylors Lane

Road Name: Cerne Road, Gravesend
Extent: Between St Francis Avenue and Cambria Crescent
Date: 9th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: St Francis Avenue and Cambria Crescent

Road Name: Pickwick Gardens, Northfleet
Extent: Between Dene Holm Road and Masefield Road
Date: 10th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Masefield Road, Painters Ash Lane and Dene Holm Road

Road Name: Masefield Road, Northfleet
Extent: Between Painters Ash Lane and Pickwick Gardens
Date: 11th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Pickwick Gardens, Dene Holm Road and Painters Ash Lane

Tonbridge & Malling

Road Name: Swanton Road, West Peckham
Extent: Between The Hurst and B2016 Seven Mile Lane
Date: 11th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: The Hurst, Gover Hill, Forge Lane, Mereworth Road, B2016 Sevenmile Lane

Road Name: Beechin Wood Lane. Platt
Extent: Between Long Mill Lane and Comp Lane
Date: 13th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Longmill Lane and Comp Lane

Road Name: A228 Malling Road, Kingshill
Extent: Between The Street, Mereworth and Gibson Drive
Date: 16th May 2011 for 4 nights between 19.00 – 00.00
Diversion: A26, B2016 Sevenmile Lane, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, King Hill

Road Name: Puttenden Road, Shipbourne
Extent: Between Hamptons Road and Claygate Lane
Date: 19th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Hamptons Road and Claygate Lane

Road Name: Parkway, Tonbridge
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 21st May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Hopgarden Road

Road Name: Hopgarden Road, Tonbridge
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 21st May 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Sailsbury Road, Norwich Avenue and York Road

Road Name: Copthall Road, Ightham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 24th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Common Road, A26 Sevenoaks Road and Coach Road

Tunbridge Wells

Road Name: Springhead, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Between Ferndale and Ferndale
Date: 22nd May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Ferndale

Road Name: Beltring Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 22nd May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Birling Drive, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 23rd May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: St Georges Park, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 24th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Brenchley Road / Horsmonden Road, Brenchley
Extent: Between Church Close and Spout Lane
Date: 25th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Horsmonden Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, Yew Tree Green Road, Crook Road, Windmill Hill and Brenchley Road

Maidstone

Road Name: Attwater Close, Lenham
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 28th April 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Tilefields, Hollingbourne
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 28th April 2011 for 7 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: South Green Lane, Stockbury
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 3rd May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: South Lees Lane, Rumstead Road, Rumstead Lane and A249

Road Name: The Street, Stockbury
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 4th May 2011 for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Hill Green Road, Cradles Road, Lower Hartlip Road, Cowstead Lane and Bull Lane

Road Name: Blind Lane, Detling
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 4th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Fauchions Close, Bearsted
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 5th May 2011 for 2 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Cambridge Crescent, Shepway
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 5th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Nottingham Road, Hereford Road and Northumberland Road

Road Name: Priory Close, East Farleigh
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 6th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00

Road Name: Whitebeam Drive, Coxheath
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 7th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Pembroke Road, Hanover Road, Cobtree Road and Linden Road

Road Name: Norton Road, Sutton Valence
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 8th May 2011for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Warmlake Road, Amber Lane, Wierton Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road

Road Name: Broomfield Road, Broomfield
Extent 1: Between Ashford Road and Gravelly Bottom Road
Extent 2: Between Gravelly Bottom Road and Chartway Street
Date: 9th May 2011 for 5 working days between 09.30 – 15.30
Diversion 1: Gravelly Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Water Lane, Cheqworth Road and A20 Ashford Road.
Diversion 2: Chartway Street and Gravelly Bottom Road.

Road Name: Bushy Grove, Broomfield
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 10th May 2011 for 3 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Chestnut Drive, Ashford Road, Broomfield Road, Gravelly Bottom Road and Cayser Drive

Road Name: Ulcombe Road, Ulcombe
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 10th May 2011 for 5 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: Kings Road, A274 Maidstone Road/Mill Bank and Tattlebury Road

Road Name: Lower Road, Sutton Valence
Extent: Entire Length
Date: 17th June 2011for 4 working days between 07.00 – 19.00
Diversion: High Street and Rectory Lane

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Surfacing Dressing works (schedule 1) and Carriageway Micro Surfacing works (schedule 2) to be undertaken by Kent Highway Services.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

VARIOUS ROADS, SHEPWAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a programme of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Shepway, on or after 20 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

CINQUE PORTS AVENUE for its entire length
Between 20 April and 28 April 2011
Alternative route via St Leonard's Road.
There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order *whilst the road is closed between the junctions with St Leonard's Road and Wakefield Way,* to allow access, when the relevant signs are covered or removed.

COAST DRIVE / THE PARADE, LYDD-ON-SEA
Between 21 April and 13 May 2011
Alternative route via Battery Road, Dungeness Road, Harden Road, Station Road, B2075 Romney Road, A259 Lydd Road, High Street, B2071 Station Road, Littlestone Road, Marine Parade, Grand Parade and Coast Drive.

CRETE ROAD WEST, FOLKESTONE between the junctions with A260 Canterbury Road and Danton Lane.
Surfacing - 7 & 8 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 15 May 2011
Alternative route via A260 Canterbury Road, Spitfire Way, Aerodrome Road, Paddlesworth Lane and Upper Arpinge

HOAD ROAD, SWINGFIELD from junction with Forge Hill to junction of(A260) Canterbury Road.
Surfacing on 8 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 15 May 2011
Alternative route via Forge Hill, Oak Hill and A260 Canterbury Road

UPPER ARPINGE, PADDLESWORTH – from the junction with Teddars Leas Road.
Surfacing on 8 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 15 May 2011
Alternative route via Teddars Leas Road

GREEN LANE, ELHAM for its entire length
Surfacing on 8 & 9 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 16 May 2011
Alternative route via North Elham Hill and Standard Hill Top

NORWOOD LANE, NEWCHURCH from junction with Newchurch Lane to its junction with Chittenden Lane.
Surfacing on 10 & 11 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 18 May 2011
Alternative route via Newchurch Lane, Ashford Road, un-named road from Ashford Road to Turnagate Cottage, Chittenden Lane

NEWCHURCH ROAD, IVYCHURCH between the junctions with Ashford Road and Mill Bank.
Surfacing on 11 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 18 May 2011
Alternative route via Ashford Road, A2070 Ashford Road, Marsh Road, Cock Lane, B2067 Ruckinge Road, B2067 Hamstreet Road and Newchurch Road

CANTERBURY ROAD, ELHAM from junction with Park Lane to 50 metres north east of White Horse Lane
Surfacing - 12 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 19 May 2011
Alternative route via High Street Elham, New Road, Canterbury Road, Broad Street, Station Road, Canterbury Road, Beachborough, A20 Ashford Road, B2068 Stanford By-pass, Stone Street, Street End, Faussett Hill, Nackington Road, Old Dover Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, Bourne Park Slip Road, Coldharbour Lane, Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Valley Road, Derringstone Hill and Elham Valley Road.

BOTOLPH'S BRIDGE ROAD, HYTHE between the junctions with A259 Dymchurch Road and Lower Wall Road
Surfacing on 13 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 20 May 2011
Alternative route via A259 Dymchurch Road, Burmarsh Road and Lower Wall Road.

BURMARSH ROAD, DYMCHURCH between the junctions with A259 Dymchurch Road and Lower Wall Road.
Surfacing on 13 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 20 May 2011
Alternative route via A259 Dymchurch Road, Botolph's Bridge Road and Lower Wall Road.

JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARY'S BAY from the junction with St Mary's Road to the 30/national speed limit sign
Surfacing on 16 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 23 May 2011
Alternative route via St Mary's Road and A259 Dymchurch Road

ASHFORD ROAD, IVYCHURCH between Five Vents Lane and A2070 Ashford Road
Surfacing on 17 May 2011 then sweeping and lining on 24 May 2011
Alternative route via Ashford Road, A259 Lydd Road, Rhee Wall, A2070 Ashford Road

The works are weather dependant and may be delayed by adverse conditions. Works that are missed will be deferred until later in the programme with the revised dates signposted on site.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 116

STOPPING UP OF LAND AT WESTBOURNE STREET, SITTINGBOURNE

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court on 23rd May 2011 at 2am for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land at Westbourne Street, Sittingbourne, as shown in red on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent Highway Services at Sessions, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Network Performance of Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre)

VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Swale, as part of a programme of highway Surfacing Dressing.

The Order takes effect on or after 20 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below. Each road will be closed twice, initially 1 day for Surfacing and then 1 day for sweeping and lining.

WORMDALE HILL/ROAD, NEWINGTON – between Maidstone Road and Bull Lane
Surfacing on 20 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 27 April 2011
Alternative routes
Eastbound via Maidstone Road, Chestnut Street, A2 Keycol Hill, Boyces Hill, High Street and Bull Lane
Westbound via Bull Lane, Church Lane, Church Hill, A249 Sittingbourne Road and Maidstone Road

BULL LANE, NEWINGTON – between Wormdale Road and Playstool Road
Surfacing on 20 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 27 April 2011
Alternative route via Playstool Road, A2 London Road, Hartlip Hill, Lower Hartlip Road, Old House Lane and Bull Lane.

MILL LANE, HARTLIP – between A2 Hartlip Hill and The Street
Surfacing on 20 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 27 April 2011
A2 Hartlip Hill, Lower Hartlip Road, Hollow Lane and The Street

NEWHOUSE LANE, SHELDWICH – between A251 Ashford Road and Winding Hill
Surfacing on 26 April 2011 then sweeping & lining on 3 May 2011
Alternative route via A251 Ashford Road, Lees Court Road, Fisher Street Road, Reynolds Grove Road, Shepherds Hill, Hogbens Hill, Winding Hill, Featherbed Lane, Selling Road and Owens Court Road

WARDEN ROAD, EASTCHURCH – between Plough Road and High Street
Surfacing on 8 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 15 May 2011
Alternative route via High Street, Lower Road, Eastchurch Road, Chequers Road and Plough Road

LOWER ROAD, EASTCHURCH – from Eastchurch Roundabout to Shardens Farm
Surfacing on 8 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 15 May 2011
Alternative route via Queenborough Road, A250 Halfway Road, B2008 Minster Road, Back Lane, Chapel St, Chequers Road and Eastchurch Road

SCOCLES ROAD, MINSTER – between Back Lane and Lower Road
Surfacing on 9 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 16 May 2011
Alternative route via Back Lane, B2008 Minster Road, Barton Hill Drive and Lower Road

MUNNS LANE, HARTLIP – between Lower Hartlip Road and The Street
Surfacing on 9 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 16 May 2011
Alternative route via Lower Hartlip Road, Hollow Lane and The Street

WINDING HILL, SELLING – between Newhouse Lane and Featherbed Lane
Surfacing on 9 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 16 May 2011
Alternative route via Featherbed Lane, Selling Road and Owens Court Road

HEMPSTED LANE, TONGE – between A2 London Road and Scraps Hill
Surfacing on 9 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 16 May 2011
Alternative route via A2, Frognal Lane and Lower Road

SELLING ROAD, SELLING – between Vicarage Lane and Selling Road
Surfacing on 10 May 2011 then sweeping & lining on 17 May 2011
Alternative route via Vicarage Lane and Selling Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (TUMBLEFIELD ROAD, STANSTED) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Tumblefield Road outside 'Court Lodge Farm' on or after Tuesday 3rd May 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Plaxdale Green Road, Labour In Vain Road, Tumblefield Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to install a new electricity supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A26 LONDON ROAD, SOUTHBOROUGH TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (SPEED LIMIT)ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under Section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act;

The effects of the Order will reduce the existing National speed limit to 40mph on the following length of road:

A26 London Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells from the termination/start of the existing 30 mph speed limit at the junction of Quarry Hill Road and London Road which is 130metres south of the centre of the carriageway of the A21 Tonbridge Bypass for a distance of 1690 metres in a southerly direction to a point 30 metres north of the junction with Vauxhall Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order and the relevant plans and other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Gateway, Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ from 18 April 2011.

If you wish to support or object to the proposed Order, you should state you reasons in writing to the Network Performance Team, 1st Floor Invicta House, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, Me14 1XX to be received no later than noon on 9 May 2011. If you require any further information please contact Kent Highway Services contact centre on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WAGON LANE, LEVEL CROSSING, PADDOCK WOOD) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Wagon Lane at the level crossing on or after Wednesday 4th May 2011 for a period of up to 1 night between 00.05hrs and 05.00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Wagon Lane, Queen Street, Lucks Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, Wagon Lane.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for tamping of the track through the level crossing. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Emma Osborne on 07791 179882.

Katherine Kerswell, Group Managing Director
Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ **Dated 17th April 2011**

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

PUBLIC NOTICE
Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate

An application for a Premises Licence at **A single contiguous area encompassing the public land and building owned or leased by Edenbridge Town Council in the TN8 postcode area** has been made by **Edenbridge Town Council.**

A summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:

To allow plays, films, indoor sporting events, boxing or wrestling entertainments, live music, recorded music, performances of dance, anything of a similar description to that falling within live music, recorded music, performances of dance, facilities for making music, facilities for dancing and facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within facilities for making music or facilities for dancing everyday from 08:00 until 22:00 hours both indoors and outdoors for community events.

To allow opening hours everyday from 00:00 until 00:00 hours.

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227004

Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing by **27/04/11** to:

Licensing Partnership, Council Offices, PO Box 182, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 1GP
licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5,000.

To place your notice here call the Kent Public Notice team on 01303 817044

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS – Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

(WILLOW WENTS, MEREWORTH) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Willow Wents Mereworth, between Horns Lane and New Pound Lane on or after Monday 18th April 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via New Pound Lane, Beech Road and Horns Lane and vice versa.

UK power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to fit a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Jenny Hayes on 07836297415.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/00954/FUL **OS Plot 7700 Standen Street, Benenden**
- Proposed building to be used to keep agricultural and arboreal equipment and for storage and processing of fruit (LB)

11/00907/LBC **The Schools At Somerhill Somerhill, Capel**
- Listed Building Consent - Resurfacing of the stable courtyard to include a new porous rubber surface and new drainage channel system and pavement lights (LB)

11/00941/LBC **Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Proposed roundel to be used as ancillary building to the main house to include up grading the insulation to the walls, floor and ceiling, to replace rotten timber windows and upgrade existing floor structurally to accommodate replacement of existing staircase with new and include any new internal walls in timber frame and include electrical and plumbing for heating and hot water to the building (LB)

11/00944/LBC **Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Proposed Boat house to be used as ancillary building to the main house to include up grading the insulation to the walls, floor and ceiling, to replace rotten timber windows and upgrade existing floor structurally and include any new internal walls in timber frame and include electrical and plumbing for heating and hot water to the building (LB)

11/00886/FULMJ **9 Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Demolition of front and rear warehouses and retention and conversion of existing Victorian warehouse into 7 No. 2-3 bedroom town houses, 7 No. two-bedroom flats in a new block to the south east of the site, 14 No. parking spaces and refuse and landscaping (MAJOR)

11/00974/FUL **The Swan At The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Conversion of existing buildings to form 4 No. Bed and Breakfast accommodation rooms (LB) (CA)

11/00979/LBC **The Swan At The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Conversion of existing buildings to form 4No. Bed & Breakfast accommodation rooms (LB)

11/00942/FUL **14 Frant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Extension of Time - Conversion of detached garage and new pitched roof to an artist workshop (TW/08/01512/FUL refers) (CA)

11/00953/LBC **18 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Re-build and repair the gate piers and part of the wall facing Prospect Road (LB)

11/00982/FUL **Pembury Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pembury**
- (Adjacent to Trinity Close) Installation of a 15m high Vodafone/O2 telecomunications lamp post, 1no equipment cabinet and ancillary development thereto (CA)

11/00913/HOUSE **26 Park Road Southborough, Southborough North**
- New garage and small link extension to house (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 16 April 2011

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/10/2038/N - YEW TREE HOUSE, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1SD - Erection of a single storey side extension. Reason: 1, 2

MA/10/2056/N - YEW TREE HOUSE, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1SD - An application for Listed Building Consent for the erection of a single storey side extension. Reason: 3

MA/11/0361/S - LAND OFF, MAIDSTONE ROAD, MARDEN, KENT - Outline application for the provision of new sports club ground (to include cricket pitches, artificial multi-purpose/hockey pitches, site manager's accommodation, hockey practice area, tennis courts, cricket nets, floodlights, sports hall, club house and car parking) including change of use from agriculture, with access to be determined and all other matters reserved for subsequent approval. Reason: 6, 7

MA/11/0371/S - WIERTON CHASE, BACK LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4JR - External alterations to fenestration. Reason: 1

MA/11/0372/S - THE VINES, FORSHAM LANE, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3EP - Erection of a conservatory. Reason: 1

MA/11/0383/S - LAND TO THE REAR OF MILL HOUSE, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AU - Construction of a sand ménage for private use. Reason: 3

MA/11/0438/S - BROOK HOUSE, HEADCORN ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3EH - Erection of a timber framed double garage. Reason: 1

MA/11/0450/S - 1, HAWKENBURY FARM COTTAGES, HAWKENBURY ROAD, HAWKENBURY, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0EA - Formation of a new vehicular access, driveway, parking and turning areas and change of use to equestrian grazing. Reason: 1, 6

MA/11/0460/N - 65, WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1QU - Change of use of first and second floor with external and internal alterations to create a self contained flat. Reason: 1, 2

MA/11/0479/N - 27, TURKEY COURT TURKEY MILL, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5PP - An application for listed building consent for insertion of an additional window to east elevation and replacement windows in south elevation. Reason: 3

MA/11/0494/N - DRYING LOFT 23-26, TURKEY COURT TURKEY MILL, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5PP - Insertion of additional window in rear (east) elevation and replacement of doors with window panel in side (south) elevation. Reason: 1

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **1st May 2011,** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 17th April 2011

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/TH/0157/2011 - Proposed development at Chatham House Grammar School, Chatham Street, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 7PS.

Chatham House Grammar School is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for single storey extension to existing classroom to provide a food technology teaching space for the 2011/12 term. The proposed development is near the Ramsgate Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a Listed Building.

You may view this application at Thanet District Council, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

KCC/SH/0163/2011 - Land at Henwood adjacent to St Eanswythe's CEP School, The Bayle, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1SQ.

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We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 17 April 2011

Kent County Council

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Including family announcements in partnership with the Kent registration service

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BIRTHS

ASHLEIGH
Chris and Maud are pleased to announce the birth of their son Tyler Ashleigh, born on 30th March, 2011, in Ashford. A brother to Madison.

BLAIR
Adam Tony Blair born on 4th April 2011, weighing 5lb 14oz. Son to Samantha and Mark of Romney Marsh.

BUCHANAN
Scarlett Ruocco Buchanan born on 24th March 2011, weighing 6lb 11oz. Daughter to Jamie and Rachael in Minster, Ramsgate.

CASSIDY
Andrew Cassidy and Andrea Analore, of Dover, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Louis Anthony, on 12th March 2011.

CHAPMAN
Connor Ken Chapman born on the 2nd March 2011, weighing 7lb 1oz. Beautiful son to Karen.

CHELL
Ross, Natasha and Lucia celebrated the birth of Alana Sophia Chell on 17th March 2011.

DESMOND
George born on 27th March 2011, weighing 9lb 8oz. Son to Paul and Samantha in Murchison Avenue, Bexley.

JOHNSON
Ashley and Gillie-Anne of Faversham proudly announce the safe arrival of their twins, Izzy and Josh. They were born on 26th March 2011. A new sister and brother for Zac.

PEARSON
Charliee Pearson would like to announce the birth of her daughter Ava-Rhianne Tina on the 31st March 2011 at 13.31, weighing 6lb 13oz.

RILEY
At 6.12am on 9th April, 2011, we were blessed with the arrival of Charlotte Jorja Talia Riley, weighing in at a healthy 8lb. Warmest thanks to all our family and friends for their love and support and the staf at William Harvey Maternity Day Care, the Labour Ward and Folkestone Ward who made the experience eve more wonderful. We have been truly blessed. Christian and Wendy Riley.

WINEK
Christopher and Sarah celebrate the birth of their son Luca Stefan Gabriel Winek on 30th March 2011.

DEATHS

BLACKMAN
Robin Frederick Blackman of Hythe passed away on the 8th April 2011. Enquiries to Hambrook and Johns, Hythe, 01303 266525.

CHARLTON
Roger Charles Charlton died peacefully on April 5th, 2011. Funeral servic at Vinters Park Crematorium at 10:15an on Tuesday 26th April.

CLARKE
Peter Alan Clarke, Maurice House, Broadstairs. Passed awa peacefully on Friday 8th April 2011, aged 90. Funeral at St. Saviours Church, Westgate, 1pm Tuesday, 19th April, 201

FENNELL
Derek (Dell Boy) Fennell 79 years, beloved Dad and Grandad, passed away after a short illnes on 6th April 2011. Funeral on 21st April, 2011, at 14.25 at Vinters Park, Maidstone. Family flowers only, donations t St Thomas Hospital, Westminster, c/o Viners Undertakers, West Malling.

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THE INTERVIEW

Massive appeal of bonsai guitar

Ed Hill finds out more about the massively popular orchestra that came from a small and unassuming start

LIKE the instrument they have done so much to promote, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain started out small. Will Grove-White, one of the longest serving members, explained: "We have been going for more than 25 years. At the time ukuleles were not popular and we all sort of gravitated towards each other one way or another."

The show began as a one-off experiment playing in a pub by a group of friends who had got to know each other either at college or through music.

Grove-White said: "It just seemed a laugh to get together and play ukuleles. That turned into another show and another and 26 years later here we are wondering what happened."

Will Grove-White joined the orchestra while he was still a teenager.

He said: "I was 15 when I first started playing the ukulele. I was playing on my own because at that time that was all you could do. I read a piece about the orchestra in a paper and went along. I basically just kept pestering them and they eventually let me join."

The orchestra's ethos had its roots in punk. The attitude that anyone could buy and play the cheap instrument appealed to members.

"At the time it was a bit of an outsiders' instrument. It is also very easy to learn. You can crack out a few chords and you are on your way. It's also good for accompanying singing, very portable and cheap, so it has lots of things in its favour," said Grove-White.

The little guitar has its origins with early Portuguese sailors in the Pacific. They played a similar instrument, a braguina, which was then adopted by the Hawaiians.

Grove-White said: "It is small and simple. You could easily keep it stowed away in a ship. It's just very cheerful."

The group found that despite its simplicity, the instrument was amazingly versatile.

"We play everything from Tchaikovsky to Otis Reading, Nirvana and Shirley Bassey. The nice thing about the ukulele is there is no real history. We can play at a punk festival just as much as at a classical one,"Will added.

He also believes the band's lack of rock star looks gives them a unique appeal: "Because we look so unpromising people are on our side and want us to do well. We are a pretty odd assemblage of misfits. No-one would have put this band together. I think that's part of the appeal, people just like us."

As a teenager Grove-White never imagined the little bonsai guitar – as it is nicknamed – could mean a lifetime in music.

He said: "It has turned into a full-time job. We do about 130 gigs a year. Last year we did Carnegie Hall in New York and sold that out and we are going back next year."

He added: "We never had agents or managers. We produce our records and manage our tours. It's about making music less pompous and what better way to do it than with a ukulele."

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain will be at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, May 7, see www.assemblyhall-theatre.co.uk to book. Also see www.ukulele-orchestra.com.

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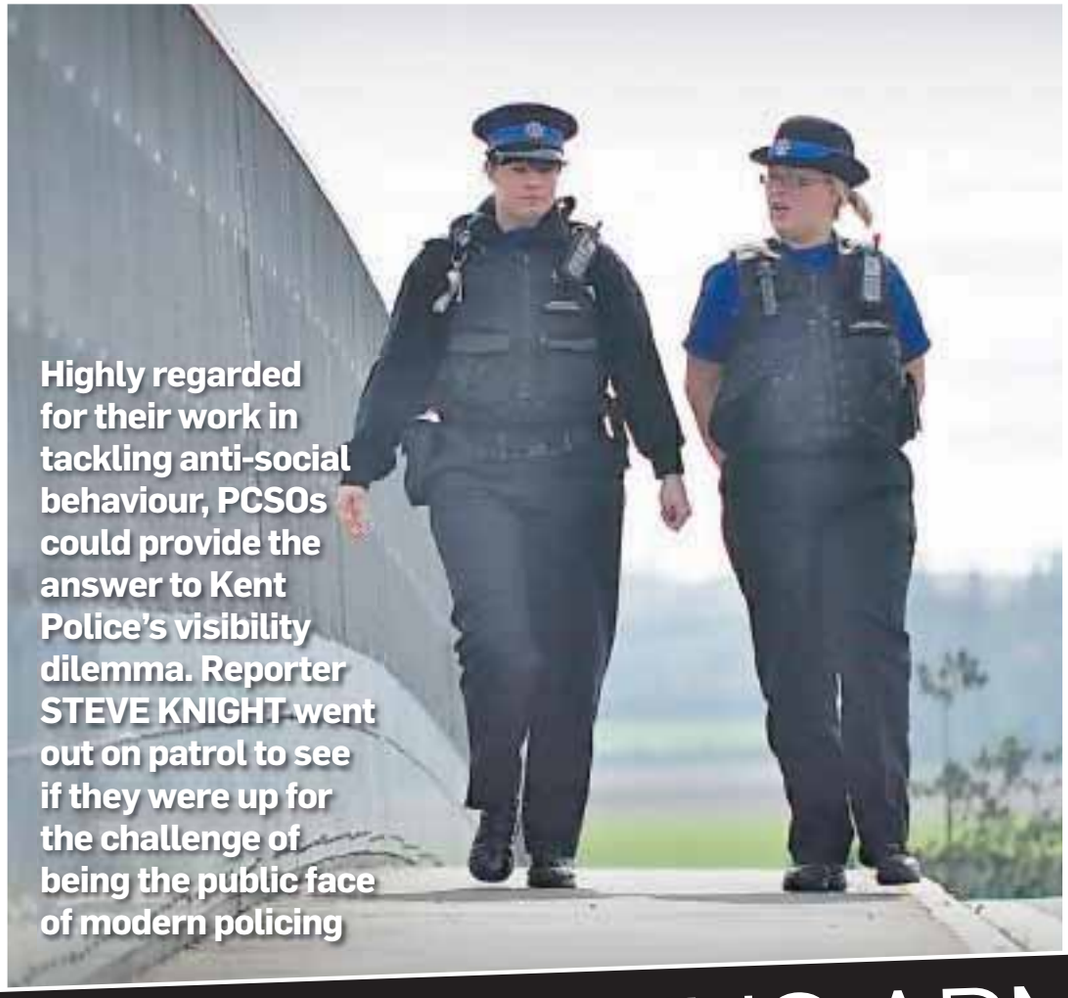

Highly regarded for their work in tackling anti-social behaviour, PCSOs could provide the answer to Kent Police's visibility dilemma. Reporter STEVE KNIGHT went out on patrol to see if they were up for the challenge of being the public face of modern policing

BEAT IT: Northfleet North PCSO Kelly Shurmer (left) with Coldharbour PCSO Claire Croucher. Both are relied upon to help build relationships between local people and the police, a task that fellow PCSO Dougie Barr (below) feels will be of huge benefit

Pictures: PAUL JERREAT

FORCE'S UNSUNG ARMY HAS A BIG ROLE TO PLAY

POLICE forces nationwide have come under fire in recent weeks over the low number of visible officers out manning the frontline. Although it can be argued the best crime-solving often goes on behind closed doors, last month's report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary served to remind police of their duty to reassure the public at all times.

Having as many uniformed officers on patrol as possible is one of the best way of doing so, but according to the HMIC fewer than 10 per cent of Kent Police staff are available to man the frontline at any one time – the third lowest figure in the country.

The force is currently going through a major restructure and is under pressure from Kent Police Authority to maintain a strong visible presence, with extra emphasis expected to be placed on neighbourhood policing in particular.

But amidst all the criticism it can be easy to forget the contribution made by Kent's army of almost 400 Police Community Support Officers – or PCSOs – who will no doubt have a huge role to play in the months and years to come.

It is they who will be heavily relied upon to provide the visibility the public demands, but then they wouldn't have it any other way.

"We are the eyes and ears of the police and we see ourselves as ambassadors for them as well," said 62-year-old Dougie Barr, PCSO for the Gravesend Central ward.

"I think the regular officers appreciate the job we do because we take things off them that they would otherwise have to do – things like parking problems and neighbourly disputes that are important to the public, but don't necessarily need to be dealt with by regular police.

"We are the ones who people often come to with their concerns because we are the ones on the ground. Quite a large number of people would actually prefer to come to us with information because we don't share the same powers as the police."

Having spent an hour on patrol with PCSO Barr one Friday afternoon, I was struck by just how many people he appeared to be on good terms with. Far from being a headmaster-type figure who the locals avoid, not a minute goes by when he isn't waving to residents from inside his patrol car or pulling over for a quick chat.

He also proudly points out that he is on "fist-bumping" terms with youngsters at the three schools in his ward.

"It's all about showing respect," said PCSO Barr. "In five or six years' time these children will be teenagers and young adults, and if I can build a healthy relationship with them now then hopefully we will continue to share that respect in the future."

First introduced to forces in 2002, PCSOs are often unfairly described as "pretend police" who wear similar uniforms, but have very little power and spend the majority of their days drinking cups of tea.

But the reality is that they provide a vital link between the public and police, becoming experts in the places, people and problems associated with particular wards.

Earning between £20,669 and £24,259 a year, their main function is to reduce low-level crime like littering, dog mess and other forms of anti-social behaviour.

"We deal with the issues that affect people's everyday lives, which in many ways are the things that matter most to them," said 27-year-old PCSO Kelly Shurmer of the Northfleet North ward.

"That's the bread and butter of what we do. Although burglaries, murders and the like are obviously terrible crimes, they're hopefully not going to affect people on a daily basis."

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> **PCSO,** DOUGIE BARR

PCSO Shurmer, who has ambitions of joining the regular police once the current recruitment freeze is lifted, is also proud of the relationship she has built up with the schools on her patch.

She is currently at the forefront of a campaign to stop people speeding and parking their cars on the busy road outside Rosherville Church of England Primary School where, in January, 2009, a 16-year-old boy was knocked down and killed.

"Kelly has been fantastic and has helped form a really positive partnership between the school and the police," said headteacher Becky Stoneham. "It makes such a difference when you're working together. She's that friendly face that anyone can talk to."

Kent Police is currently battling to save £50 million over the next four years due to a 20 per cent cut in government funding.

About 1,500 jobs are on the line as a result, including 500 officers and 1,000 support staff.

It can be no coincidence then that the force is considering granting PCSOs 13 new powers, including being able to fine under-18s for disorder related to alcohol consumption.

They could also end up issuing penalty notices for offences relating to fireworks, truancy, graffiti, flyposting and more.

However, questions have been raised as to where the line should be drawn and whether giving PCSOs extra powers could in some ways detract from the job they already do so well.

"It's good that they're considering giving us a little bit more, but I agree it shouldn't be too much because we don't want to put people off coming to talk to us," said PCSO Shurmer.

Kent Police has some big decisions to make about all aspects of crime-fighting and it is likely the force will look drastically different in the years to come.

But whatever happens, there will still be PCSOs on the county's streets. And despite what some people may have you believe, that is most definitely a good thing.

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KENT **REMEMBERED**

FLYING VISIT: An aerial view of Gravesend airfield shows how it looked at the height of World War Two

Wartime memories of former RAF airfield inspire history project

Church programme backed by lottery funding

By Steve Knight
steve.knight@archant.co.uk

MEMORIES of bombing raids, rationing, and wartime games, are being recollected as part of a two-year oral history project.

Supported by a £33,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Games and Planes initiative aims to gather photographs, letters, stories and more from people who lived near Gravesend's former RAF airfield during World War Two.

Those behind the project, which is based at St Aidan's Church, hope to launch a website and booklet using the material provided.

The Reverend Richard Martin said: "There were people I came across in my ministry who had such wonderful stories to tell, so I felt there was a need to capture these memories before they were lost forever.

"The airfield side of the history of this area has been completed in great detail in terms of the planes and pilots who were here, but we didn't seem to have any memories of the people who used to live or work here.

"Houses were bombed and areas were evacuated, but nobody seems to have written anything down about that. I thought it was important to complement this very detailed history of the airfield with accounts of what life was like for the residents of the time."

WAR HERO: 501 Squadron Hurricanes were based at Gravesend

Opened in 1932, the former Gravesend airport was originally a civil airfield before the RAF took it over at the start of the war.

The historic site has long since been redeveloped as the Riverview Park housing estate.

Led by Dartford-based project manager John Woodhead, the Games and Planes initiative is specifically targeting people who lived or worked in the Westcourt and Gravesend airfield areas between 1940 and 1950.

It also wants to hear from those who attended Westcourt School at the time.

A team of trained volunteers has started to interview the 50-plus people who have responded so far – a process expected to last until November.

"I've been delighted by the variety of the contributions made up to this point," said Rev Martin. "I was concerned at first that we'd hear the same sort of stories from everyone, but that hasn't been the case at all.

"We've had memories from people who lived in prefab buildings built by German prisoners of war, one person who was christened in a dress made from an old parachute, and lots of other accounts of how ordinary people lived their lives during the conflict."

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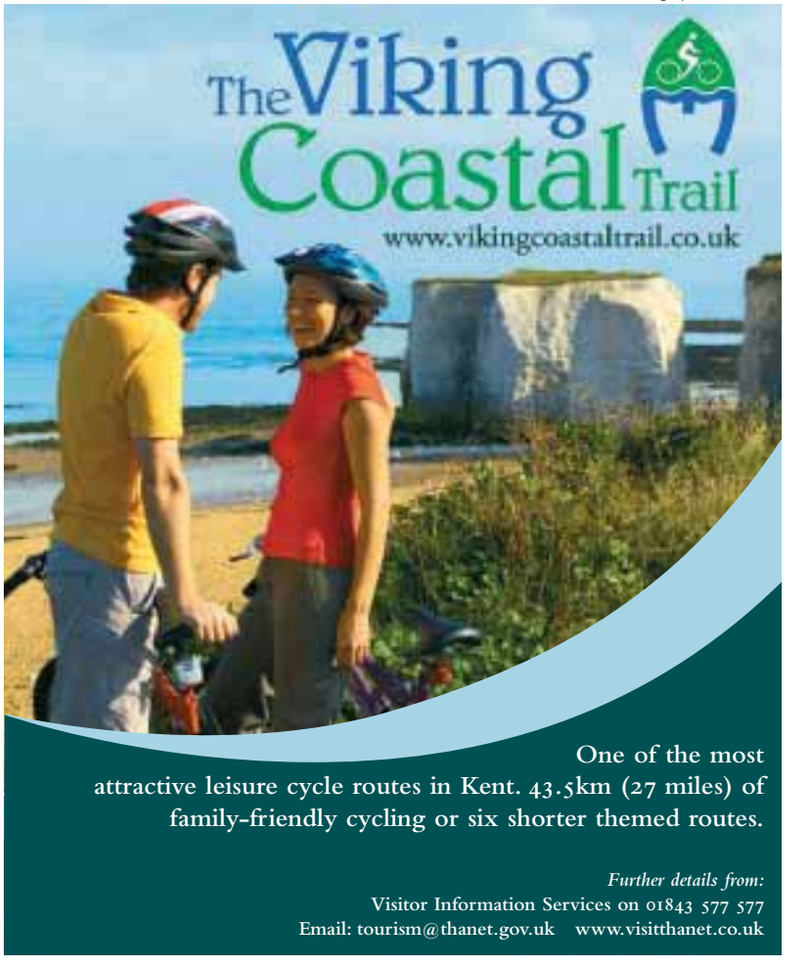

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Eel-good factor that wowed critic Rayner

Creative dishes fresh from the sea are order of the day at the award-winning Eddie Gilbert's in Ramsgate

GIVEN that Kent has one of the longest coastlines of any county in England and a strong fishing tradition, the county should have some of the best fish restaurants in the country. The reality is that there are surprisingly few that do it well, but thankfully those that do, stand out.

Wheeler's in Whitstable is a gem – perhaps still hidden even. Chef Mark Stubbs produces top-notch food served in a relic of a dining room. On Herne Bay's seafront is Le Petit Poisson, serving deliciously-prepared local catch, which can be devoured alfresco in the summer. And opening this June, in a purpose-built restaurant hanging over Folkestone harbour, is Rock Salt, where Gordon Ramsey's man at Claridges, Mark Sargeant, plays heavily on local fish and seafood.

A relative newcomer is Eddie Gilbert's in Ramsgate. In its short 18-month life, it has already collected awards and rave reviews galore, and there's a waiting list for weekend bookings. The fast rail link has made it a destination restaurant for Londoners looking for an escape from the big smoke, aided perhaps by praise from such well-known critics as Jay Rayner, who pronounced the "beautifully simple, exquisitely executed" soft duck egg with crisp breaded and deep-fried smoked eel soldiers his starter of the year 2010.

RAVE REVIEWS: Jonny Gilbert, owner of Eddie Gilbert's in Ramsgate, which has won a number of awards and received plaudits from the likes of top food critic Jay Rayner

This particular dish is the inspired creation of chef Craig Mather, whose training with Michelin-starred chef Simon Haigue at Mallory Court in Leicestershire imbued him with a passion for fine dining. An ex-student of Thanet Catering College in Broadstairs, Craig is passionate about using fresh, local ingredients.

So much so that he may change his menu twice a day, depending on the catch brought in. The restaurant's close relationship with the fishermen in Ramsgate means he can produce dishes using local fish within hours of it being caught.

"We are very lucky here in Ramsgate to get fantastically fresh fish and seafood – anything from lobster and crab to Dover sole, seabass, cod, turbot, skate, mullet..." he says.

He also welcomes foraged food such as samphire and wild garlic, incorporating it all into an extensive menu that ranges from fish and chips (some of the best around) to more elaborately-constructed dishes, such as butter-roasted local cod fillet with a local foraged wild garlic and pea risotto and a black-pudding fritter.

Downstairs is a wet-fish shop, a consistent winner or runner-up in the best seafood retailer category of the Taste of Kent awards, and a fish-and-chips takeaway (offering chips cooked in a choice of beef dripping or vegetable oil).

Eddie Gilbert's award-winning streak goes as far as service, too, with restaurant manager Nick MacAskill voted winner for exceptional service in the Pride in Thanet 2010 awards.

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STARTER: Sautéed foie gras served with wild mushrooms and chargrilled brioche with a thyme jus. MAIN: Roast rump of lamb with dauphinoise potatoes, braised cabbage,and roast parsnip with a rosemary jus. DESSERT: Vanilla panacotta, strawberry soup and confit of orange.

MARTINS: 01227 750304
STARTER: Queen scallops served on a bed of mushrooms, topped with garlic butter and cheese and lightly grilled. MAIN: Sole Veronique – fillets of Dover sole served with a white wine and grape sauce. DESSERT: Homemade gypsy tart.

THE SWAN AT WESTGATE: 01843 831401
STARTER: Portobello and goat's cheese stack – two large field mushrooms filled with goat's cheese and red-onion marmalade. MAIN: Tournedos Rossini – a prime fillet steak served on a crouton topped with pate and finished with a red-wine jus. DESSERT: Ice-cream sundaes – whippy ice-cream served with a choice of strawberry, chocolate or toffee sauce. All for under £25.

TIGER MOTH: 01634 861653
STARTER: Chicken liver pate served with dressed salad, red-onion chutney and baguette with butter. MAIN: Wexford 7oz steak topped with mushrooms, stilton and pepper sauce, served with chips, peas, grilled tomato and mushrooms. DESSERT: Tuckshop ice-cream cake, chocolate brown with layers of chocolate mousse and dairy cream-flavoured ice-cream topped with tuckshop classic treats.

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The menu is changed monthly and April's offerings include the likes of deep-fried brie parcels in a raspberry coulis or pate with melba toast for starter, followed by main courses such as coq au vin or a tender loin of pork in an apple-and-calvados sauce. The à la carte menu can still be enjoyed on Monday to Saturday evenings, boasting chef Paul Martin's famous 'cooked-to-perfection' fillet steaks.

If you're a vegetarian – don't fret, there's a delicious menu just for you. And if desserts are your thing... don't miss Paul's 12 homemade gateaux and puddings – they really need to be seen to be believed.

With its relaxed atmosphere, friendly service and classic country décor with an elegant twist, it's easy to see why the husband-and-wife team are still pleasing diners after 24 years. Book your table now, to avoid disappointment...

■ **Martins, 40 The Street, Boughton-under-Blean, near Canterbury. Tel: 01227 750304.**

Perfect stop for the walker and shopper

THE See Ho is a friendly, busy country pub that serves great beers and a vast range of home-prepared dishes.

Early-bird specials, dinners, Sunday roasts and fresh fish are all items that have attracted customers to the menu, which is varied and uses as much local produce as possible. It is just off the M2, so perfect for a drink and dinner after shopping at Bluewater.

It is also near lovely stretches of countryside and a park so is ideal for walkers.

Small or large groups are all catered for and the pub is particularly popular with hikers who enjoy the excellent landscape. They regularly book tables for up to 20 or 30 walkers to eat and drink after long spells of enjoying the countryside.

The See Ho is open from 11am-3pm and 6pm-11pm each day. Current top-sellers on the menu are homemade rabbit pie or steak-in-ale pie.

A £5.50-for-two-courses lunch special is also available and all the dishes are homemade.

On the menu is meatloaf mash with fresh vegetables, fishcakes, chips and peas and various pasties with chips

and peas or beans. All of the dishes are complemented by excellent beers and wines, which the knowledgeable staff ensure are kept perfectly.

Fresh food at very reasonable prices is the key to the success of the venue, which is now taking bookings for Easter Sunday. The pub will have special guests performing on stage throughout Easter week.

■ **See Ho, Pear Tree Lane, Shorne DA12 3JX Telephone: 01474 822386.**

RESTAURANT Review

Elegant Swan worth weight

SET in the trendy town of West Malling, The Swan restaurant certainly keeps to the tone of the area, oozing sophistication.

Despite losing its Michelin Bib Gourmand, which represents value for money, the 15th-century inn has retained its reputation.

I was armed with a friend who is himself a chef at a Michelin Star-rated establishment in Kent.

We relaxed with a drink at the bar before taking our seats in the small dining quarter. We were greeted with a small amuse-bouche of warm pumpkin soup that tasted like liquid gold. We both then had a Maldon rock oyster with shallot vinegar, £2 per oyster.

To start, I chose smoked haddock kedgeree with poached quail's eggs, £7. The rice was cooked perfectly and the milky sauce made sure the dish remained moist.

My friend devoured Sussex pork shoulder and leek terrine, £8 – the copper pot with grape chutney was a nice touch.

On to mains and I went for the venison shank and Parma ham pie, £17.50, which looked like something out of a Desperate Dan cartoon with the bone through the pastry.

My companion went for chicken breast with celeriac champ and truffles, £18, which he assured was a good choice.

For the final round I had the glazed orange tart with orange syrup, £7.

It was well presented, although the strong citrus taste of the syrup overpowered the orange tart. It was also a tad too cold, but the quality left nothing to be desired.

The final bill was no revelation, although I was surprised to see the 12.5 per cent service charge covered the pre-meal drinks in the bar.

The experience was pleasant, easy and tasteful, with some nice little extra touches. Something a little different.

Joe Bill

■ **The Swan**
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Diversity key to quality in every corner

IN 2009, the Good Food Guide identified 'the East Kent Triangle' as an area of [gastronomic] excellence, with Faversham, Canterbury and Whitstable forming the corners.

This accolade not only reflects the fact that there are some great restaurants in that area, including Michelin-starred The Sportsman in Seasalter and Read's in Faversham, but also that a strong food infrastructure means that fresh, local ingredients are in abundance and available directly from producers through farmers' markets and farm shops, as well as through high-street shops and delis.

Along the same coast, this year's Michelin guide includes three restaurants from Thanet – Age & Sons, The Ambrette and Eddie Gilbert's.

Indeed, this quality can be found all over the county, and in addition to the two mentioned above, there are a further three Michelin-starred restaurants: Chapter One in Bromley, The West House in Biddenden and Apicius in Cranbrook.

Dining out in Kent is becoming ever-more interesting, with an increasing diversity in the county's gastronomic landscape – rural pubs, coastal gastro bars, stylish urban restaurants, old manor houses – making it a delightful area for gourmands.

Talk to any chef in the county, and they will extol the virtues of Kent's produce.

The unique combination of lush and fertile land, producing an abundance of fruit and vegetables, a long coastline, with a wide array of fish and seafood, and a temperate climate, makes the county an ideal location for a restaurant wanting to make the most of fresh, local ingredients.

The West House
Biddenden

Why here...
Small family-run restaurant, housed in a charming beamed 15th-century weaver's cottage in picturesque Biddenden, it has been showered with accolades, including a Michelin star.

On the menu...
Chef Patron Graham Garrett produces a seasonal menu, making the most of local ingredients through simple but skilled cooking. He has a flair for balancing textures and bold flavours.

How to book...
Telephone: 01580 291341
Website: www.thewesthouse-restaurant.co.uk.

Thackeray's
Tunbridge Wells

Why here...
Restaurant sited in the former home of 19th-century novelist William Makepeace Thackeray, combining beautiful interiors and a warm ambience with high-quality food created by award-winning TV chef Richard Phillips.

On the menu...
Michelin-starred chef's modern French menu includes such dishes as pan-fried Landes foie gras, with caramalised pain d'epices, poached rhubarb, roast celeriac, honey jelly and jus vin rouge.

How to book...
Telephone: 01892 511921
Email: info@thackerays-restaurant.co.uk

Age & Sons
Ramsgate

Why here...
Listed in the Michelin guide, Age & Sons offers fine dining using the best of local produce. You'll enjoy a wonderful ambience and charming service in this converted wine warehouse in Ramsgate, just minutes away from the sparkling marina.

On the menu...
Modern dishes, with gutsy flavours, created from locally-sourced – sometimes foraged – ingredients by talented chef Toby Leigh. Try the pork belly (cooked for nine hours) with salsify and mustard leaf, and be prepared to see the unusual on the menu. Awarded the only Michelin Bib Gourmand in Kent for three-course fine dining under £28, with set menus between £9.50 and £15.50.

How to book...
Telephone: 01843 851515
Website: www.ageandsons.co.uk

The Sportsman
Seasalter

Why here...
Set near the saltmarshes on the outskirts of Whitstable, this pub-turned-restaurant has captured the imagination and taste buds of critics all over, and has been awarded a Michelin star.

On the menu...
Chef patron Steve Harris is fanatical about local produce, even making his own sea salt and curing pigs' legs for his Serrano-style ham. The pork and lamb comes from nearby Monkshill Farm and the oysters and seafood from the sea on his doorstep.

How to book...
Telephone: 01227 273379
Website: www.thesportsman-seasalter.co.uk

Chapter One
Locksbottom

Why here...
A hidden gem, this restaurant in Bromley has been consistently showered with accolades (Michelin star, 4 AA Rosettes). It offers superlative dining at very reasonable prices in a spacious, chic modern dining room.

On the menu...
The chef, Andrew McLeish, is passionate about local and seasonal ingredients, and sources as much as possible from the Garden of England. His refined cooking style is modern European but reflects his classical training, with great attention paid to detail in flavour and presentation. His piquant starter of mackeral escabeshe has become a regular star on the menu, as has his assiette of desserts, which showcases half a dozen of his delicious sweets in miniature.

How to book...
Telephone on 01689 854848
Website: www.chapters-restaurants.com

Abode
Canterbury

Why here...
Two-Michelin starred chef Michael Caines's ethos is "to create local restaurants for local people, serving local foods made from local ingredients and products – and at local prices".

On the menu...
Classic European dishes with local produce, such as Godmersham rabbit (with hazelnut and green been salad, and roasted almond puree), Hythe scallops (with vanilla parsnip purée, and chicken ginger jus).

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WALKS

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Meander around the beautiful, charming and historic capital of the Kentish Weald and discover a wealth of country delights

HERALDED as the capital of the Kentish Weald, Cranbrook has retained its village charm over the centuries. This circular three-mile (4.8km) walk gives visitors the chance to uncover the delights of this charismatic Kentish village set in wonderful countryside surroundings.

Our expedition starts in the heart of Cranbrook, close to the White Horse Inn, which has two distinct parts to it – an informal dining area with an ever-changing menu and a bar.

Four ales are always on tap and wine is served by the bottle or glass.

Also in the area is Apicius, a Michelin-starred restaurant with a top-class chef that has featured in many of the best eating-out guides.

Serving locally-sourced produce, it also has three AA Rosettes to its name and is one of the best places to eat in the county.

The village is a welcoming hive of activity, with lots of facilities and a wide range of shops lining the narrow medieval streets.

Towering above the houses, the familiar face of the Union Mill looks down like a fairytale giant on the village. Union Mill dates from 1814 and is the largest working windmill in England, measuring 72ft to the top of the cap. The mill is often open to the public and, wind permitting, wheat is ground and visitors can buy wholemeal flour in the shop.

Views from the mill look out across the outstanding countryside and give visitors the chance to fully appreciate the panorama.

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Cranbrook, we follow the High Weald Landscape Trail for a short time. The trail runs from Horsham to Rye covering 90 miles, on average taking experienced walkers about seven days to complete.

The word Weald means wilderness or forest, but if you look closely at the area you will notice it's made up of a lot more than just woodland. Rolling hills, fields and heathland adorn the area with scattered farms and quiet lanes.

Continuing along the route, walkers may wish to take a short diversion to Sissinghurst village, which can provide a welcome break for weary travellers.

An essential visit here is Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, which is managed by the National Trust and open to the public. The garden was created in the 1930s by Vita Sackville-West, poet and writer, and her husband Harold Nicolson, author and diplomat.

The gardens are designed as a series of rooms, each with a different character, colour and theme, divided by high clipped hedges and pink-brick walls. There are also woodland and lakeside areas surrounding the gardens, which can provide walkers with an ideal spot for a picnic. Or if you prefer to travel light when exploring the area, there is a restaurant and shop situated conveniently in the grounds.

Also in the grounds is the five-star Sissinghurst Castle Farmhouse, a bed-and-breakfast ideally placed as a base from which to view some of the finest landscapes in England.

CHARMING: Cranbrook, at the heart of the Weald, in all its glory from the historic Union Mill (top left), to its elegant streets and Sissinghurst Castle (right)

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Gallery
Turner geared up for opening

Turner Contemporary, Margate
01843 233000 or
www.turnercontemporary.org

WITH the opening of the Turner Contemporary Gallery upon us, a number of special events are being organised to coincide with this monumental Margate moment. Directors have organised locals to get involved in the You Are Here programme, a 10-day series of activities running from April 16-25. Internationally-renowned composer Orlando Gough and music director Tony Castro join Thanet singers to perform a range of modern music at the gallery on Sunday, April 23. Continuing the celebrations is Austrian choreographer Willie Dorner with Bodies In Urban Spaces. To find out more, contact Sepake Angiama, curator public programme (email: sangiama@ turnercontemporary.org).

Zoos
Howletts Wild Animal Park

Littlebourne, nr Canterbury
0844 842 4647 or
www.aspinalfoundation.org
Open 9.30am to 6pm

TOP county attraction Howletts Wild Animal Park has defied the recession and is riding high with the new one- day ticket that allows visitors to come back for a whole year for free. The Howletts Passport allows visitors to enjoy the park for 12 months for the price of just one standard day-entry ticket. The park has been open to the public since 1975 and is home to more than 50 species of some of the most iconic wildlife on the planet, including gorillas, Sumatran tigers, black rhino and the largest herd of African elephants in the UK. Howletts chief Bob O' Connor said: "We aimed the scheme at local residents so that they might enjoy the park and facilities time and time again, but our data shows that it is also proving popular further afield. Howletts is an action-packed day out with a lot to see and do, but the park is also an ideal place just to meet friends for a coffee or pop in with the kids for an hour on the weekend. The park is right now celebrating the arrival of two Western lowland gorillas born within a month of each other as part of the breeding programme." For more information, visit www.aspinallfoundation.org/passport. The cost of the passport is £18.95 for an adult and £14.95 for a child, with concessions available.

Dockyard
Robots in Chatham

Chatham Historic Dockyard
01634 823801 or
www.thedockyard.co.uk
Open 10am to 6pm

FANS of science fiction can see some of its most interesting creations at an exhibition of robots at Chatham Dockyard. The event includes a collection of robots, cyborgs and androids and has many props and costumes from film and promotional material. The metal stars of the big screen include Robby the Robot from the Hollywood movie Forbidden Planet. Fans will also recognise a vintage Robocop and a B9 robot torso made by Andy Shaw, the original Dalek builder. Fem-bots are also represented, with the beautiful Grace exposed in all her glory and Sonny, who starred alongside Will Smith in the film I, Robot. During the half-term holidays and bank holiday weekend, a 'Riveting Robots' workshops will be part of the exhibition. Children can enjoy making robots and win robot-themed party games. 'Robot – A Collection Of Robots, Cyborgs And Androids runs until Friday, June 17. For more information and prices, visit www.thedockyard.co.uk/ steamandtransport.

Museum
Easter time for Victorians

Quex Park, Birchington
01843 842168 or
www.quexmuseum.org
House open 2pm-5pm

VISITORS to the Powell-Cotton Museum at Quex Park will get a chance to sample Victorian life this Easter. The Broadstairs Victorians will be visiting each day over the Easter weekend to show traditional customs of the 19th century. There will be opportunities for children to hunt for Easter prizes, make an Easter bonnet, create lino prints and have a go at hobby-horse- and frog-racing. If the sun shines, you can also join the Victorians as they picnic on the lawn while watching a falconer display his skill. On Good Friday there will be a demonstration of Victorian clothes and dressing. On Easter Sunday at 1.30pm, visitors can watch the dressing of a Victorian bride. At 2.30pm each day, join a group of Victorians as they take a tour of Quex House and its museum and then take tea with them. Admission prices: adults £8, children £7, families (two adults and up to three children) £30.

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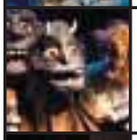

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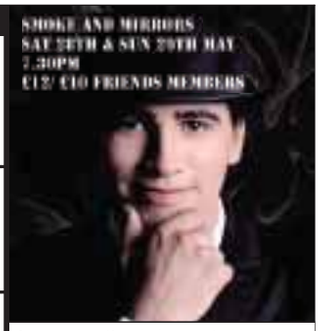

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MEMBERS of the Bodiam Castle household will be out in force to meet and greet history fans during the May bank holiday. Visitors to the castle can chat with the weavers, spinners, peasant women or even the monk in the chapel as they experience first-hand what life was once like in the area.
Each character has an interactive display or a fascinating story to tell and there will be activities around the beautiful gardens. The Living Castle is open between Saturday, April 30, and Monday, May 2, between 11am and 4pm. No additional charge, normal castle entry applies. Adult tickets cost £6.80, children £3.40, or a family ticket is £18.

Art
Soldier paints strong image

I-Scream and Rock Gallery
Margate
Open daily 10am-7pm
Tel: 07935 102790

THE powerful new exhibition Symbols of Society documents a former soldier's salvation through art. Glenn Fitzpatrick, Fitzy, has spent the past 20 years recovering from his time in the first Gulf War. Those two decades have been filled with trials including drug abuse and post traumatic stress disorder in addition to undergoing pioneering surgery to remove a cyst on a vital area of his brain. Fitzy, originally from Gravesend, recovered through his art. After gaining a Bachelor's degree in fine art at UCA, he later completed his Master's. He also wrote a graphic novel called Arts And Mines in which he documented his experience of combat through his blunt, blackly comic illustrations. His work has been exhibited in London's Brick Lane Gallery and is set to appear at the new I-scream and Rock Gallery in Margate. The exhibition features black-and-white montage drawings in which figures are gracefully but provocatively entwined. The exhibition is open to the public until Monday, May 2, from 10am to 7pm daily. Entry is free. Visit www.iscreamandrock.wordpress.com for more details.

Show tour
Gardeners' Question Time

Assembly Hall Theatre
Tunbridge Wells
Leas Cliff Hall
Folkestone

GARDEN-LOVERS can get their teeth into which plants are past it and which flowers are fashionable with the Gardeners' Question Time tour. Arguably one of Britain's most famous and endearing institutions, BBC Radio 4's green query consultation embarks on an autumn trip to Kent.
For the first time, resident chair Eric Robson will take his panel of expert gardeners including Chris Beardshaw, Matt Biggs, Bob Flowerdew, Pippa Greenwood and Bunny Guinness to the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone and the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells.
Each night Eric will be joined by three members of the panel as they display their unrivalled gardening expertise directly to loyal followers across the UK. The live setting will allow the horticulturists the chance to share their most memorable experiences as gardening experts and, of course, recount anecdotes of life on tour.
There will be demonstrations about best gardening practice and advice on how to overcome both common and unusual garden problems.
Tickets for the Gardeners' Question Time Tour are on sale now priced at either £21.50 or £22.50. Visit www.leascliffhall.co.uk or www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

Festival
St George's Day festivities

Riverside Country Park
Gillingham
www.whatsonmedway.co.uk
Tel: 01634 843666

GALLANT knights, fish and chips and tea on the village green are just a taste of the 2011 St George's Day festival in Gillingham. Due to be held at the Riverside Country Park, the celebration of the patron saint follows the huge success of last year's free family festival which drew more than 8,000 people.
This year the park will be split into six themed zones, including a medieval arena featuring St George himself accompanied by a 10ft animatronic dragon and a pirates play area, with specially-made beach complete with deckchairs and donkey rides. There will also be a chance to revisit the swinging sixties and a central high street housing food stalls offering a variety of favourites, from the family butchers to the great British curry.
The St George's Day Festival at Riverside Country Park is being held on Saturday, April 23, 11am to 5pm. For more information, phone 01634 843666, or visit www.whatsonmedway.co.uk.

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Friday 22nd April - 12 noon - 11pm

- 12 Noon - **Beer Tent Open** and **BBQ**
- 1pm - **'Chimney Boys'** (dark folk and cabaret music)
- 4pm - **'Fleeting Things'** (local self-written experimental pop)
- 8pm - **'Where's Brian'** (great all round function band) Come and party!

Saturday 23rd April - 12 noon - 11pm

- 12 Noon - **Beer Tent Open** and **BBQ**
- 12.30pm - **'Kent Country Folk'** (Kent folk dancers)
- 1.30pm - **'Betteshanger Brass Band'** (30 piece traditional colliery band)
- 4pm - **'Pint Size Henry V'**(performed by The Canterbury Players)
- 7pm - **Barn Dance** with **'Abbey Capers' Barn Dance Band'**
  This will be interjected with a performance by **'Oysters Morris'** and a **'Mummers Play'**

Sunday 24th April - 12 Noon - 11pm

- 12 Noon - **Beer Tent Open** and **BBQ** and **Children's entertainment**
  (stilt walking, face painting, etc.) throughout the afternoon including an **Easter Egg Hunt**
- 1pm - **'Stormy Monday'** (soul/blues band)
- 4pm - **'Juggle it all'**
  Set programme (children's entertainment – fire eating, juggling & magic)
- 5pm – **Arrival of St George on horseback**
- 5.30pm – **'Old Lone Gin Band'** (English folk band)
- 8pm - **Open Mic** - hosted by **'C.J.'** All performers (singers, musicians, comedians, etc.) wishing to participate to contact Martin at the Unicorn prior to the week-end.

Monday 25th April - 12 noon - 7pm

- 12 Noon – **Beer Tent Open**
- 1pm - **Hog Roast**
- 1pm - **'5 Star Jazz Swing'** (jazz/swing band)

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Comedy
Imran Yusuf political satire

The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Saturday, June 4, 7.45pm
Tickets £12, 01227 769075
or www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian

POLITICAL satirist Imran Yusuf comes to Kent fresh from his debut on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Road Show.
With his high-energy brand of politician poking and a uniquely endearing approach, Yusuf has become a sensation on the comedy scene.
Steadily working the comedy circuit throughout the mid-noughties, in 2010 Imran debuted his solo show at the Laughing Horse Free Festival, part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.
His five-star reviews led to a nomination for Best Newcomer at the Fosters Edinburgh Comedy Awards.
Imran uses his background as a British Muslim to consider prejudices and dilemmas and boundaries since 9/11.

Comedy
Science with Prof. Kaos

Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne
Saturday, April 23, 7.45pm
Tickets £7, 01795 471140

MANY people may wonder whether it's possible to outrun a bolt of lightning or why does colour exist – well, now they may just find out the answers to these questions. Described as "possibly Britain's most dangerous scientist" by Channel Four, the brilliantly funny Professor Kaos makes his way to the Avenue Theatre in Sittingbourne.
The science lecture with a difference blends a mix of stand-up comedy, live experiments and audience interaction. Discover answers to questions you have always wanted answered but couldn't be bothered to Google! This fun night out is aimed at people aged over 14 and lasts just under two hours.

Ballet
The London Central Ballet

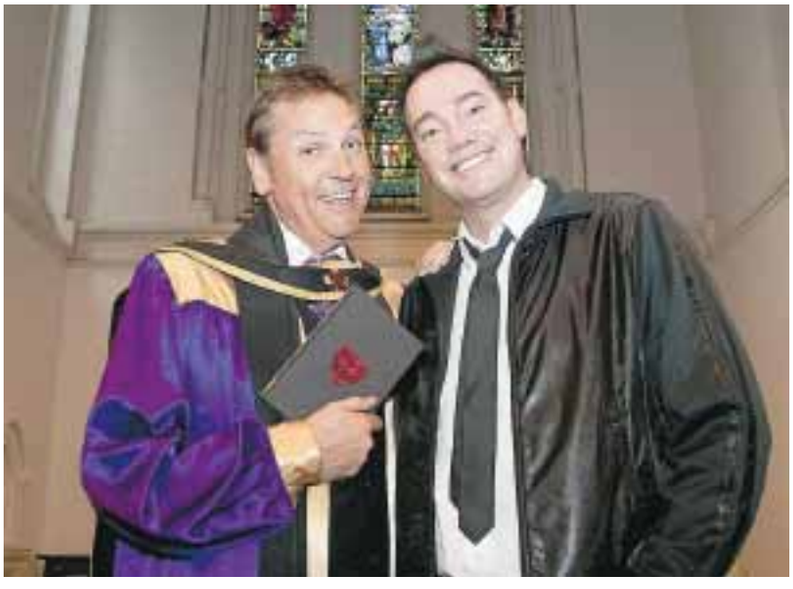
The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Thursday, April 28, 7.45pm
Tickets £12, 01227 769075 or
www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

BALLET Central, the touring company of London's Central School of Ballet, has showcased some of the country's best-known dancing stars. The company will be coming to the Gulbenkian Theatre with an exciting new programme of ballet, contemporary and jazz dance. The tour is a regular fixture on the UK's touring calendar and performances are much anticipated throughout the UK.
The company comprises the ballet school's final year students as part of their BA (Hons) Degree course.
Central School is the only classical vocational school to offer an Honours degree and pre-professional touring experience on such a scale.
It has been a springboard for hundreds of dancers into the profession. The 2011 tour offers audiences the rare opportunity to see works by leading choreographers Christopher Bruce, Darshan Singh Bhuller, Christopher Hampson, Helgi Tomasson and the late Christopher Gable (founder of Ballet Central).

Musical
Brian Conley & Darren Day

Leeds Castle, nr Maidstone
Until Sunday, April 17
Tickets £21, 0871 2307158
or www.brotherloveshow.com

STRICTLY Come Dancing's Craig Revel Horwood brings his new production to Leeds Castle. Brother Love's Travelling Salvation Show is a musical celebration of the life and career of Neil Diamond and will run until Sunday, April 17.
Performed inside a giant tent, Horwood's choreography and direction will feature Darren Day, whose musical theatre career includes West End productions of Joseph And His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, The Rocky Horror Picture Show and We Will Rock You. Nineties TV comedian Brian 'it's a puppet' Conley and newcomer Ben James-Ellis, who made his West End debut as Link Larkin in Hairspray, also star in the flamboyant showcase of Diamond's work. A production team comprising talents from theatre, film and stadium concerts and a 15-piece orchestra will guarantee a show like no other for Diamond fans.
The cast will present the unique performance including hits Sweet Caroline; Cracklin' Rosie; Girl You'll Be A Woman Soon and Love On The Rocks in a Big Top designed by Olivier Award-nominee Matthew Wright. Tickets cost from £21 with discounts available for children and students. Be sure to book in advance.



Play
Chekhov comes to Canterbury

The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Tuesday, May 3, 7.45pm
Tickets £14, 01227 769075 or
www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

A SERIES of short plays by the Russian dramatist Chekhov comes to the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury in May. The European Arts Company is staging productions of the playwright's one-act farces The Evils Of Tobacco, The Dimwit, The Bear, Swan Song and The Proposal. The short plays were written between the writers' short stories and before the full-length plays for which Chekhov is best known, such as The Seagull and The Cherry Orchard.
Director Jonathan Kemp said: "They represent an important moment in the development of Chekhov as a writer. They combine all the tragic-comic beauty of the longer plays with the silliness of a sketch show." Chekhov is the second most popular playwright in the world after Shakespeare and 2010 was the 150th anniversary of his birth.

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GORGEOUS lonely lass, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male, looks important, no chancers. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415**

MARY 60, good for age, GSOH, likes cooking, meals out, looking for some fun company, possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364357**

TINKERBELLE seeks Peter Pan, I'm 36, 5ft 3ins, size 8-10 and am looking for a tall strong man who can connect and make me laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358721**

ATTRACTIVE warm, blonde female, European, 49, seeks honest, generous male, 50 plus who will take care of me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364277**

LORNA 66, nurse, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237**

FEMALE 64, brown/grey hair, medium build, honest, caring, loving, seeks similar in male, 30-60 for friendship/relationship. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364253**

LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385172**

BARBARA 46, seeks nice, stocky male up to 50 for friendship, maybe more. Heathrow. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701**

BEAUTIFUL slim, female, 22, seeks older, distinguished gent, 65 plus for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364037**

MALE Guardian reader? Arty, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655**

GLASS half full N/S mid 50's woman, seeks other half. Are you a professional man, 50-60 who likes the finer things in life? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363969**

BEAUTIFUL slim female, 20, seeks older, solvent gent 75 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363985**

LORRAINE seeks trustworthy white male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363793**

DONNA 35, single mum of 3, seeks male with GSOH, 35-40. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385064**

ATTRACTIVE confident, lady, 37, independent, HIV Positive, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415**

48YR old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321**

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331**

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FEMALE seeks kind, caring white male, 42-50, tidy and clean for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363197**

BEAUTIFUL slim Malaysian female, 24, seeks retired solvent gent to spoil and pamper for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363135**

YOUNG 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669**

SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852**

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527**

65YR old slim brunette, caring, loving, many interests, arts, coastal walks, animals, cooking, seeks attractive, compatible male. Dog owner in Maidstone perfect. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383676**

FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207**

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347215**

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359589**

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571**

SALLY independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575**

UNIQUE attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre nature, WLTM genuine gent, 37-49 to share laughter and life, caring, N/S who lives near London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815**

ANNE 61, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, blonde hair, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361243**

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961**

A rare diamond, bright, sparkly and good quality, let me put the sparkle back into your life. Wanted professional, attractive male, 38-58, medium build, 5ft 9ins. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005**

LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633**

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581**

WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360477**

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291**

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159**

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTM male for love, companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305**

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577**

CARING young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761**

57YR old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359685**

HONEST caring, genuine female, 44, GSOH, likes meals out, nights in, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381844**

CLARE 5ft 10ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 318103**

ATTRACTIVE caring, interesting black lady, seeks educated, genuine, white male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358937**

CUDDLY curvy size 14 plus female looking for gent, 59-65 for daytime adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358729**

BEDFORDSHIRE female, 39, HIV positive, likes cinema, music, travel, nights in, wine bars, seeks decent, white, professional male, under 45. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358579**

OUTGOING sincere 5ft 6ins lady WLTM tall, caring interesting male 70's to share lifes adventure. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357959**

FEMININE lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356985**

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LATE 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995**

TALL slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356969**

SOUTH London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places. WLTM male of any age for fun, friendship and more **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356989**

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613**

FUN loving student, 21yrs, seeks male of any age for fun in London, can travel, I love a risk and having fun **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356981**

FOREIGN beauty, long, long hair, 20's yrs, seeks older male who can spoil someone like me. London area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356967**

BUBBLY outgoing nurse, (I love my uniform), fancy meeting up North London for some fun loving fun **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356983**

ATTRACTIVE lady, curvy and fun, looking for an uncomplicated fun only relationship, after work etc, any area London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356991**

LONELY female, petite, attractive, size 8-10, blue eyes, long hair, likes historic places, holidays, meals out, seeks honest, genuine male for friendship initially. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356359**

POLITE bubbly female, GSOH, seeks gent for caring friendship, likes nights in and socialising. Dartford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382666**

SEALED with a kiss. 37yr old single mum, blonde hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes sunshine, travel, looking for Knight in shining armour, to make me laugh and spoil me. Folkestone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355543**

LADY 44, GSOH, short, curvy, dark hair, seeks good guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355391**

CAROLE petite, slim, long blonde hair, green eyes, attractive, likes sports, nights out, pubs, meals out, cinema, theatre, music, seeks genuine, honest male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 337515**

DEBBIE mid 50's, attractive, likes dancing, music, cinema, theatre, seeks male for companionship. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351419**

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353897**

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910**

FIT lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111**

SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999**

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192**

GENUINE loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487**

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NATALIA attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393**

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28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918**

LISA 42, medium build, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTM caring, down to earth male, 40-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817**

ATTRACTIVE vibrant mid 60's female, independent, likes music, travel, socialising, seeks cultured, energetic, cultured male. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384766**

KATHY long blonde hair, blue eyes, 60, likes motown music, nights in/out, seeks gent, 47-62. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361797**

MARY 62, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes nights in/out, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359467**

CAROLE slim, petite, blonde, green eyes, attractive, 46, likes sports, music, theatre, cinema, seeks genuine, honest, considerate, N/S male, 30-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358114**

FUN loving country girl, 48, seeks male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384488**

FEMALE seeks N/S, clean, tidy white male, 42-50 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361049**

5FT 4ins, slim, medium build, long hair, blue eyes, likes keep fit, animals, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384482**

SUE 59, divorced, likes walks, cinema, meals out, antiques, seeks genuine, faithful guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360923**

SAM 37, attractive, size 16, friendly, bubbly, seeks sincere, genuine male, 35-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384334**

FAYE N/S, non drinker, lots of love to give, seeks special, genuine, honest male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349309**

CARING young female, 62, petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, pubs, dancing and perhaps nights in. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359725**

49YR old female, seeks honest male to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358297**

COULD you capture my heart? Lyn 49, slim, romantic, likes simple things, conversation, walks, flowers, seeks romantic guy to share my journey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358264**

PROFESSIONAL black lady, 44, 5ft 3ins, medium build, seeks genuine, caring, professional guy, 40-54, any race for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359586**

CARING genuine single mum seeks male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358719**

5FT 2ins female, dark hair, medium build, late 40's, GSOH, likes cinema, walks, family life, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350381**

FEMALE 29, HIV, likes cinema, music, countryside, cosy nights in, seeks good male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357327**

HAPPY fun loving, attractive, intelligent, educated, slim, curvy female, late 40's, WLTM caring, sincere man interested in theatre, reading, arts, nature and walks for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356613**

CRYSTAL 5ft 6ins, long dark hair, hazel eyes, olive skin, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383374**

LATE 40's female, likes most things, animals, walks, cinema, seeks male 45-59 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348941**

FEMALE black, Caribbean, honest, easygoing, single mum, seeks male, 35-40 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360722**

56YR old female, 5ft 6ins, GSOH, N/S, likes socialising, cards, dancing, racket ball, seeks male, 50-65. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353773**

DENISE young 50, likes cuddles, nights in/out, seeks male, 37-47 for LTR. Erith. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382864**

CLARE 31, likes swimming, gym, socialising, meals out, sightseeing, seeks male. Ramsgate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353243**

YOUNG at heart 50's tall, slim, blue eyed blonde, honest, caring, seeks tall, strong, confident, young at heart male, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350337**

VICKY attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. Essex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353033**

41YR old lady, young at heart, blue eyes, long dark hair, seeks fun loving guy with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346537**

INTELLIGENT life loving professional writer, Canterbury, 53, 5ft 9ins, seeks bright, interesting lady for sincere friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364781**

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YOUNG late 60's male, 5ft 9ins, slim, active, likes dancing, coast walks, drama, theatre, seeks cuddly lady for romance and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338001**

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ROB 44, professional, N/S, non drinker, likes cooking, travel, cinema, seeks female, 29-41 with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341499**

ANDREW Italian looking, attractive, tanned, young 50, N/S, ex British Airways Crew, 747/Concorde, mountain medic, fitness trainer, GSOH, widowed, no ties, seeks anyone/anywhere. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384566**

PROFESSIONAL white male, 43, seeks pretty confident, easygoing lady, 32-42. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364709**

LOVING genuine male, 60's, young at heart, honest, likes cooking, theatre, seeks cuddly fair lady, 55-70 for fun together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359811**

LEE tactile, handsome, seeks female, 38-60 for fun and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361501**

CARING kind, affectionate male, 44, likes great outdoors, dining out, cosy nights in, seeks female for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364721**

BRIAN 48, 5ft 9ins, medium build, attractive, likes most things, seeks attractive white female, 35-48 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364665**

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SINGLE educated male, likes socialising, seeking a companion, 25-35 to travel and enjoy life. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364969**

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NICE guy seeks attractive lady for fun time, maybe more. Sevenoaks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385370**

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KIND affectionate male, seeks like-minded lady. Tonbridge/Sevenoaks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383518**

HANDY male, 52, 5ft 8ins, large build, smoker, seeks female, 30-60 for fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 268754**

36YR old guy, seeks lady for fun and hopefully dates. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364965**

MALE 45, GSOH, seeks N/S lady for fun. Woking. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364863**

GOOD looking straight male, 52, likes CD, seeks understanding lady, any age for fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384436**

ALEC 57, likes keep fit, cycling, GSOH, seeks lady, 40 plus for fitness and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339463**

ACTOR 5ft 10ins, strong build, likes theatre, music, comedy, politics, seeks intelligent, attractive female, 30-45 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349871**

MIKE 37, good looking, dark, fit, blue eyes, seeks attractive female, 35-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 315109**

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ROB 38, likes animals, cinema, walks, meals out, children, slim, 5ft 11ins, black hair, seeks bubbly female, 25-40. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349069**

MICKEY 53yr old, young at heart, slim, fit, OHAC, solvent, seeks special honest, modern female, 40-59. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364813**

MICHAEL 40, fit, dark, blue eyes, 5ft 8ins, can you make me smile again, wanting friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385344**

MALE seeks female for chats, friendship, walks on the beach, cuddles etc. Westgate on Sea. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364805**

Gay Seeking

PAUL 55, bi-curious, fit, like CD, seeks male of any age for uncomplicated times together. Canterbury. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385368**

GAY non scene student, Tim, mid 20's, seeks older retired gent, 75 plus for beautiful friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363999**

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 311892**

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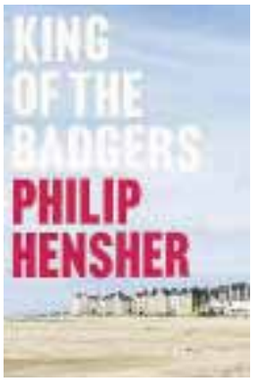


King Of The Badgers

Philip Hensher

Fourth Estate £18.99

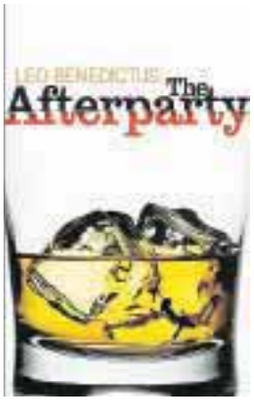
PHILIP Hensher joined the great pantheon of 'Ouch... he shoulda won, really' authors in 2008 when the Man Booker panel passed over his epic novel, The Northern Clemency.

Its follow-up, King Of The Badgers, sees us on similar ground as the author takes a look at an England in the grip of more and more invasive activities from the authorities.

There's a mystery to be solved in this book – the riddle of a missing eight-year-old girl – but there's just as much interest in this incident's effect on the residents of a small English seaside town at the mouth of the Bristol Channel.

The book also focuses on the people that the mystery/tragedy draws in, and the intimacies, desires and secrets that are exposed as a result.

The result is sometimes unsettling, taking you places you never expected to go with its big cast of characters, but also curiously lyrical.



The Afterparty

Leo Benedictus

Jonathan Cape, £12.99

LEO Benedictus is a features writer for The Guardian and his debut novel, The Afterparty, is a celebrity satire, at once both scathing and humane, with a devilishly good post-modern twist.

The plot centres on an actor's birthday celebration, where Michael, a nerdy sub-editor who was given his boss's invitation, struggles to find his feet amid the glitz and glamour of the occasion.

He manages to strike up an unlikely friendship with the host, until their budding relationship is threatened by a tragic accident.

It is accompanied by a series of emails from the novel's fictional author to his agent discussing the work-in-progress, which makes for compelling reading, especially as the author's relationship progresses alongside the book he is writing.

The main story is a well-written stab into the heart of celebrity culture, peeling back celebrity stereotypes, while the emails from author to agent add an impressive post-modern edge.

Before I Knew You

Amanda Brookfield

Penguin, £6.99

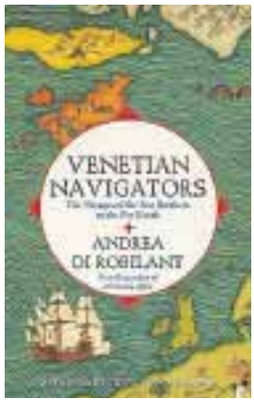
IF you love Joanna Trollope, then Amanda Brookfield is also for you.

The latest novel by the best-selling author of Life Begins follows the journeys experienced by two very different couples as they switch houses in London and Connecticut.

While Londoners Sophie and Andrew are falling further apart every day, newlyweds William and his American wife Beth are still very much in the first flushes of love.

The polarisation of the relationships is cleverly deconstructed when they swap homes for the summer, an idea suggested by a mutual friend who thinks it would be the perfect solution for all of them – enabling William to spend time with his three sons, and providing Andrew and Sophie with a much-needed holiday to fix their problems (or so Andrew believes).

Thought-provoking and full of twists and turns, Brookfield's characters quickly resonate as their passions and anxieties honestly reflect the difficulties many of us face.



Venetian Navigators: The Voyages To The Far North

Andrea di Robilant

Faber and Faber £18.99

JOURNALIST Andrea di Robilant's third non-fiction book traces the obscure 14th-century voyages of Venetian nobles Nicolo and Antonio Zen, as recounted by their descendant, Nicolo the Younger, who was denounced as a fraudster in the late 1900s.

Intrigued, di Robilant set out to discover whether the account of their journey to seven islands in the North Atlantic could be true after all.

Venetian Navigators is an enjoyable, approachable exploration of travel narrative, mixing di Robilant's contemporary expedition to the Faroe Islands, Orkney, Shetland, Iceland and Greenland with research into the maritime and political history of Venice, Scotland, Scandinavia and even exploration of the New World as he struggles to identify strange nations on an ancient map.

His conclusions hinge on a few assumptions and Nicolo the Younger's reputation as a geographer is not fully restored, but the book is otherwise carefully researched, informative and engaging for a wide audience, especially those with an interest in the early days of America and the exploration of the New World by European explorers such as Marco Polo and Henry the Navigator.

MUSIC

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Festival
Fringe Festival

Selected Maidstone venues

Thursday, April 28, to Monday, May 2. For more details, visit www.makesomenoisestudios.co.uk

THE first-ever Maidstone Fringe Festival starts during the May Bank Holiday, offering the chance to see some of Kent's brightest up-and-coming stars. With live music and stand-up comedy throughout the five-day event, there will always be something to watch as an alternative to the Royal Wedding. The Soundcasters head to the Style and Winch Pub on Monday, May 2, for one of the bank-holiday highlights. Other venues include Earls, The Old House At Home, Drakes, The Breeze Bar, The Druids Arms, The Albion, Pizza Express, Bar Chocolate and The R-Bar. Other bands playing include Dave Midgen & The Dirty Words, Cut The Funk, Ned & The Perfect and The Quays.

Motown
Magic of Motown Tour

Leas Cliff Hall

Friday, May 20, 7.30pm
Tickets: £19.50 & £17.50.
Visit www.easytheatres.com or call 0844 8471776

MORE than 50 years of number one Motown hits will be dusted off and belted out to the public as part of the Magic of Motown Tour. Between 1961 and 1971, Motown Records recorded 110 Top 10 hits with The Magic of Motown charting the label's entire history from its 60s glory days through to its 80s hits. The stage show will feature hits by the Temptations, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye and countless others.

Producer Michael Taylor said: "That elusive Detroit sound is faithfully reproduced. Our young cast is able to reflect the exuberance of these songs as they were originally performed. The show combines loyal recreations of costumes and choreography with energy and talent.

IN 2010 it completed its biggest UK tour yet, taking in 150 venues nationwide including sell-out shows in London's O2.

Folk
Feast of Fiddles

Brook Theatre, Chatham

Sunday, April 24. Tickets: www. medway.gov.uk/theatre-bookings. Tel: 01634 338338

SOME of the most legendary names in folk bring the finale of their 18-year anniversary tour to Kent this month in the shape of the flamboyant Feast of Fiddles. A true family show, it appeals equally to young people learning fiddle and their foot-tapping grand-parents.The sizzling 'backing band' is led by band founder Hugh Crabtree on accordion and iconic folk-rock drummer Dave Mattacks.

TELEVISION Coming up soon

The Doctor's back, but will Amy be another casualty?

Dr Who – New series

Saturday, April 23 – BBC1

ONE OF Doctor Who's leading characters is to be killed off by a mystery astronaut in the upcoming season of the series which starts next week, but TV chiefs are tight-lipped as to which cast member is to be written out.

Karen Gillan, who plays Amy Pond, might be the unlucky one to get the axe, or she might be saved if her boyfriend Rory Williams (Arthur Darvill) or time travelling archeologist River Song (Alex Kingston) faces the dismal on-screen fate instead

As the new BBC1 show returns to our screens a new string of scary aliens are set to cause a stir and shake up the scare factor of the show rivaling past monsters such as the Daleks, Cybermen and Autons.

The aliens, named The Silence, are said to be more frightening than any in the show before – including the Weeping Angels which fans of the series have voted as the most frightening recent creations following the show's hugely successful revival.

The terrifying creatures will debut in the opening episode of the new series and threaten to conquer the Earth with their powers. One of their abilities allows them to wipe the memory of humans, so anyone who sees them and then looks away will forget ever having seen them.

Doctor Who boss Steven Moffat, 47, created the new characters and wanted them to scarier than any other baddies that have been on the show to date to keep alive its tradition of fans watching from behind the sofa.

He said: "I think the idea is very cool. Imagine going downstairs and you can't remember if there was something upstairs."

Doctor Who himself, 28-year-old Matt Smith, said: "They're scary, repulsive and frightening."

Last series saw Smith become one of the most popular doctors as he took over from previous Tardis resident David Tennant.

Nick Ames

Bean leads the fantasy battle for Throne of Westeros

Game of Thrones

Mondays – Sky Atlantic, 9pm

THE much talked about new series starring Sean Bean is set to continue the trend of high budget, mega tv shows coming to our shores from the U.S.

Being shown on the ever impressive Sky Atlantic, the HBO creation has been classed as a fantasy drama based on George RR Martin's A Song Of Ice And Fire novels.

The 10-part series has been advertised heavily featuring dark, gothic and sinister one liners hiding the true nature of the show ensuring the heavy dose of intrigue helps to propel the show into the stratosphere before it even kicks off.

Game of Thrones chronicles the violent dynastic struggles among noble families for control of the Iron Throne of Westeros.

Lord Eddard Stark (sean Bean) is torn between his family and an old friend when he is asked to serve at the side of King Robert Baratheon. But neither man is aware that their country is on the verge of a bitter power struggle that could lead to its destruction.

Directed by Tim Van Patten, the television series is expected to follow the novels quite closely after George RR Martin confirming the final script had been faithful to his work.

The stunningly shot story is set in the fictional kingdom of Westeros, where summers can span decades and winters can last a lifetime.

Game Of Thrones is definitely one for the fan-

Now Davina finds lost big brothers

Long Lost Family

Thursday, April 21 – 9pm, ITV1

THE new reality series stars Big Brother mainstay Davina McCall and long time Radio DJ Nicky Campbell as they help members of the public track down loved ones.

Long Lost Family aims to reunite real life estranged family members after years of separation.

This first episode in the series sees the presenters meeting up with Jennifer Wilson from Rotherham.

At the age of 11, Jennifer discovered that she had a twin sister from whom she had been separated at birth. Jennifer has always felt as though a part of her was missing and has spent a lifetime searching for her twin.

The presenters are charged with meeting the family and friends of each subject and helping to piece together the mystery.

The hour long show features two Long Lost Family stories with the opening episode also featuring Karen Lloyd from Warwickshire.

Karen found as a child that the woman she knew as her older sister was in fact her mother. She also discovered the truth about her father who disappeared before she was born. Karen has spent 20 years looking for him and with the help of Davina and Nicky, her search maybe at an end.

The six part series will no doubt draw audiences as the acute possibility of negative reactions from uncovered relatives threaten to upset the "perfect ending" applecart.

Although not a new concept, the show should provide some entertainment with reality television looking for a new front runner after the very slow and painful death of Big Brother.

Joe Bill

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FILMS

OUR TOP FIVE

1 Rio 3D (U) The latest animated movie from the makers of the Ice Age series, Rio is a feel-good movie which has thrills, spills and plenty of humour. Blu (voiced by Jesse Eisenberg) is a domesticated blue macaw living a relative life of luxury in sleepy Moose Lake, Minnesota. His life takes a turn when he meets feisty Jewel (Anne Hathaway) and takes off to Rio de Janeiro with the bird of his dreams.

2 Killing Bono (15) Brothers Neil (Ben Barnes) and Ivan (Robert Sheehan) go to the same school as Paul Hewson (Martin McCann). The brothers form their own band, while Paul forms U2, the band that would transform Hewson into his musical alter ego, Bono. Neil covets his friend's newfound celebrity and, as the band goes through various guises, he conceals how close Ivan came to being in U2.

3 Mars Needs Moms 3D (PG) Nine-year-old Milo (voiced by Seth Green) doesn't appreciate his mother (Joan Cusack) as much as he should. Martians descend from the skies and kidnap Milo's mother, intending to spirit her away to the red planet, where they will use her to power the nanny bots that take care of their hatchlings. Milo stows on board the Martian craft in a bid to rescue his mother.

4 Source Code (12A) Helicopter pilot Captain Colter Stevens (Jake Gylenhaal) wakes up in someone else's body to discover he's part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago train. A government programme, The Source Code, enables him to inhabit another man's identity in the last eight minutes of his life. Colter must relive the incident until he can find the bomber and prevent the next attack.

5 Sucker Punch (12A) Baby Doll (Emily Browning) is institutionalised by her abusive stepfather in a facility with seemingly no escape. She loses her flimsy grasp on reality until a wise man (Scott Glenn) tells her that the path to salvation lies in the fantastical realm she shares with inmates Sweet Pea (Abbie Cornish), Rocket (Jena Malone), Blondie (Vanessa Hudgens) and Amber (Jamie Chung).

NEW RELEASES

The Eagle

12A, 114 mins

A BRAVE and noble son atones for the sins of his father in Kevin Macdonald's swords-and-togas epic, based on the novel The Eagle Of The Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff.

Set in the wilds of 140AD England and Scotland but partly filmed in Hungary, The Eagle pits the might of the Rome Empire against the barbarism of the indigenous tribes, who slit the throats of their badly-behaved children.

Channing Tatum strides manfully into the breach as the emotionally and physically scarred hero of the hour, coping well with the rigours of Jeremy Brock's screenplay that includes some bone-crunching battle sequences.

A skirmish between the legionnaires and the heathens at the beginning of the film, the latter charging into the fray on chariots with blades affixed to wheels, is thrillingly captured by cinematographer Anthony Dod Mantle and editor Justine Wright.

Blood and mud spatter the camera lens as swords clash and sinews ripple, at least one soldier losing a limb as those horse-drawn carriages scythe through Roman defences.

Underpinning the barbarism is the unlikely friendship between master and slave, whose distrust must be put to one side as they venture north of Hadrian's Wall in search of a military trophy.

In 120AD, the entire Ninth Legion disappears without trace in Scotland and its standard, a golden eagle, is lost forever, to the eternal shame of Rome.

The commander of those soldiers also vanishes and 20 years later, his son, Marcus Aquila (Tatum), accepts a posting in Roman-occupied southern Britain to learn the truth about his father's demise.

The young soldier is badly injured protecting his men and he recuperates with the help of his uncle (Donald Sutherland) and slave boy Esca (Jamie Bell), whom Aquila saves from certain death in the gladiator's ring.

"I hate you and everything you stand for, but you saved my life and I must serve you," seethes Esca.

Once he has regained his strength and mobility, Aquila heads north in search of answers accompanied by Esca, a member of the tribe of savages responsible for slaying the Ninth.

The Eagle hinges on the rapport between the leads and Tatum is impressive, bringing physicality and emotional vulnerability to his role.

Bell pales by comparison but gets his moment to shine in a touching scene when Esca defies the orders of Aquila and refuses to leave the badly-wounded Roman to his untimely fate.

With Tatum and Sutherland cast as Romans, British co-stars must adopt unconvincing American accents for the sake of continuity.

Mark Strong comes off worst as one of the long-lost members of the Ninth who charges into battle to protect Aquila in his hour of need.

Thankfully his swordplay is more polished.

Tomorrow, When The War Began

12A , 103 mins

SEVENTEEN-year-old Ellie (Caitlin Stasey) asks her parents if she can borrow the family Land Rover so she can drive her friends to a remote sinkhole known as 'Hell' for one final hurrah before the school holidays end. Best friend Corrie (Rachel Hurd-Wood) and her jock boyfriend Kevin (Lincoln Lewis), beauty queen Fiona (Phoebe Tonkin), joker Homer (Deniz Akdeniz), devoutly religious Robyn (Ashleigh Cummings) and classmate Lee (Chris Pang) head into the wilderness. They set up camp at Hell, which boasts a stream and waterfall, as well as venomous critters that could crawl inside an inviting sleeping bag. When they return to their home town of Wirrawee, they discover an invading military force has rounded up the entire population. The youngsters vow to beat insurmountable odds to reclaim Wirrawee and rescue their parents, aided by apathetic stoner Chris (Andrew Ryan).

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Easter is traditionally associated with the giving of chocolate eggs, but as the festive period has increased in popularity, so the range of gifts has grown too. There are now traditional symbols of spring, such as lambs and chicks, more sophisticated eggs, and even kits to make your own presents. Here are some of the more unusual gifts on the market this season.

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HOMES

Moben's studio kitchen installation in lime is the ultimate in convenience and offers the best use of space possible with all the appliances you will ever need. Prices start from £6,000.

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THE kitchen is a very important, very emotive part of the house. After all, it's the heart of the home. To get the best use of space and to accommodate all of its uses you need to think of it as more of a reception room rather than just a machine for cooking in.

Kitchen design can sometimes be too mechanical, too much about the specifics and practicalities of cooking, when in fact the kitchen can also be about entertaining, about eating, about socialising – it should be about conversation.

"We've seen it in 2010, but certainly in 2011 the kitchen has to start becoming more like a living room because it is more often than not the most used room in the house. It has to be flexible enough to accommodate a whole variety of different functions, but it's also got to be comfortable enough for you to spend time in.

"More people are also going to be encouraged to showcase their favourite items of china or glassware on wall shelving rather than keeping them tucked away.

"Storage needs to be clever and designed around how you use the kitchen each day, but while this is going on behind closed doors and drawers, people will also put more out on display.

"The kitchen is the heart of the family home, where meals are made and conversations shared, which is why people are still pushing down the boundaries and opening up their space so that living, dining and cooking areas become united.

"2011 will be about the 'living kitchen' as designers seek to bridge the gap between living and cooking space by introducing practical yet furniture-inspired breakfast bars and island units plus more technology to keep everyone – from the cook to the child – happy.

"People will take more time to sit down together over meals and will favour staying in the kitchen, rather than migrating to the living room. Furthermore, people will be showing off their cooking prowess with kitchens that are designed for entertaining – impressing guests with their wok skills or cooking on a kitchen island unit and serving straight to plate.

"People often say 'less is more,' but not for 2011. Colour? Curves? Texture? Kitchens will be about one, if not all, of these.

"Curves add a gorgeous fluidity to kitchen design – keeping ergonomics high on the agenda and making the space undeniably social. For dinner with a difference, curved island units will make a big impact.

"We'll also see more interesting textures emerge in design and this is all about subtlety. Texture shouldn't be overpowering, it should be a hint that perhaps accents the overall design without overshadowing it.

"And when it comes to colour, zesty and rich tones are going to be the shades of favour for those not faint of heart. Colour is very personal and often something of debate, but expect to see some strong shades in 2011.

"Don't be scared – all you need to do to make this work for you is to use colour as a feature or pair it with a more muted accent colour so you make an impact but don't become overwhelmed.

"The year of 2011 is about doing something new, and whether you choose a subtle style statement with texture or opt for a more bold kitchen with a vibrant colour, you won't regret going for something different.

"Everlasting in appeal, white kitchen units can bring a real sense of space to any kitchen. It is a look that won't fade and can be updated by changing the wall colour and accessories as trends come and go or when you simply want a change.

"White can be quite a bold choice, in fact, so if this is the look for you in 2011, keep it simple.

"For modern kitchens, stainless-steel appliances and black-gloss accents are ideal, such as those seen in Moben's curvaceous Ellipse kitchen. Leave the flashes of design and colour to your accessories, from blinds to plates and glasses.

"For the traditionalists, ivory and cream shades are the timeless look to go for. White and ivory toned kitchens are sure to endure throughout 2011 as they give homeowners fantastic style freedom."

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Kitchens

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Home offers Tudor style

THIS home occupies one of the best positions of any house in Nevill Court – one of the most desirable areas of Tunbridge Wells.

It allows for stunning views over the delightful gardens and into the picturesque countryside beyond.

The house was built in the early 1930s using brick, timber and cement under a pitched tile roof.

The present owners have lived there for almost 30 years and it is an excellent family house, ideally suited to children of any age.

The accommodation is light and well proportioned and everything about the home is beautifully presented, with its Tudor style giving the property a unique character.

Despite its impressive size and great condition, the property still presents further opportunities for improvement or enlargement, subject to the usual planning consents being obtained.

Among the most attractive features are a superb hall, attractive dining room with views and a door on to a terrace as well as a beautiful kitchen/breakfast room with Corian working surfaces, an extensive range of cupboards and drawers, integrated appliances, an island unit, space for a breakfast table and windows to two aspects.

The large lobby has a walk-in storage cupboard and the music room offers two aspects and is extremely well positioned to make the most of the stunning views – making it ideal for inspiration.

The first floor features an attractive landing and the master bedroom has windows to three aspects, along with built-in wardrobe cupboards and an en-suite shower room.

The guest room has a built-in wardrobe and windows to two aspects and can be a self-contained suite if required. Two further bedrooms and a pair of bathrooms complete the floor.

The property has an impressive driveway with electric gates, tamarcadamed drive, extensive parking, two double garages and a workshop.

The gardens are a distinctive feature of the property and are principally laid to lawn, interspersed with mature trees and shrubs.

Tunbridge Wells itself is a historic town, offering a wide range of shops, including a selection of boutiques and designer and specialist stores.

There is also a large selection of cultural amenities in the area, which includes a good choice of theatres and many restaurants, bars and pubs.

The choice of schooling locally is of a very high standard, including the private Holmewood House Preparatory School for Boys and Girls at Langton Green and Kent College at Pembury.

Farther afield there are also several excellent establishments in Tonbridge and Sevenoaks and the area still offers the option of a grammar-school education.

Leisure activities locally include riding and walking in the countryside, golf, top-class cricket and water sports at Bewl Water.

The mainline railway station is about one mile away and offers fast and frequent services to London and Ashford International Station, which has trains to the Continent.

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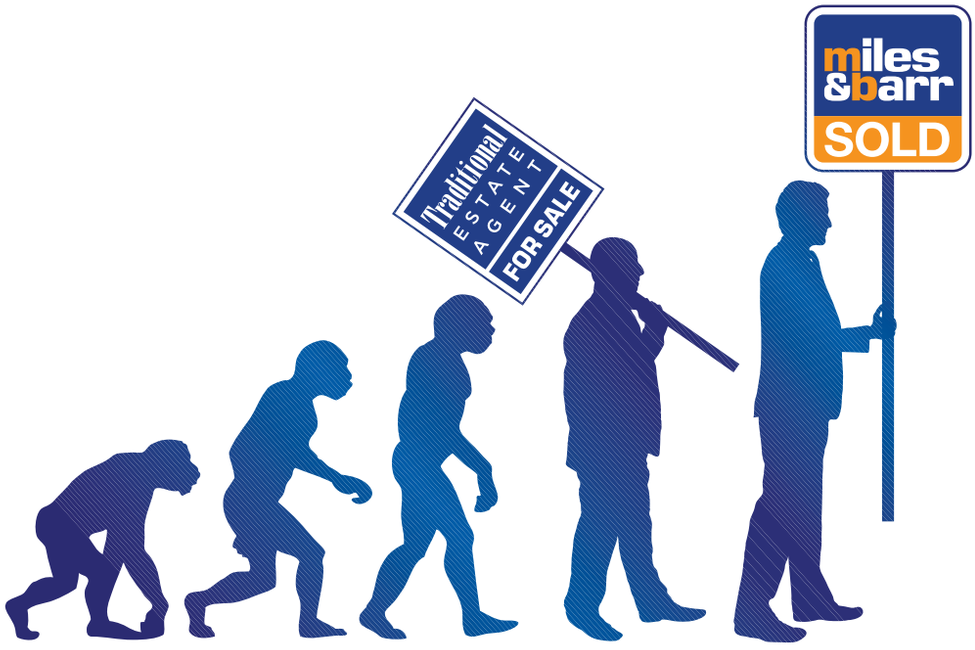

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FLORAL FARE: Colourful old houses on the seafront provide a delightful backdrop to Deal's social life

A combination to tempt anyone

HERITAGE and history combine with a modern-day seaside town to give Deal its unique appeal. A cultural hub for east Kent, it is also home to an award-winning pier, a newly-renovated arts centre and working fishing fleet.

The countryside meets the seashore in a place where the atmosphere of the past mixes with the best of the present with an eye to the future.

The town has recently come under the national spotlight as The Sunday Times focused its attention on the growing property market in east Kent.

Homes are available both for rental and to buy. Renting can produce some bargains, with flats, family homes and apartments all available – some for about £100 a week.

In the buying market the conservation area in the centre of the town is very popular, as is the seafront.

Prices range from the easily affordable to top-end homes costing more than £500,000.

More and more people are moving to the area because of its growing reputation as a cultural hub.

The older homes retain their period charm, but in recent months plans for a huge housing development in the Sholden area have been considered.

The developers claim that such a scheme would bring benefits to the area, but many people who live locally say that it is unnecessary, would take up valuable greenfield land and put too much strain on the infrastructure.

What attracts many people to Deal is its unique history as the town really started to flourish in the mid-1600s. In the age of sailing ships, the sheltered coast was a haven for ships and at times there would be hundreds anchored off the coast, bringing business and prosperity to the area.

But during the Victorian era it began to emerge as a tourist resort.

The first wooden pier was built in 1857; this was replaced by an iron pier in 1864. The current pier was opened in 1957 and had a new end-of-the-pier restaurant in 2008.

Looking back at the town from the end of the pier gives a snapshot of Deal's varied past as beautiful and colourful old houses along the seafront form the backdrop to the vibrant bustle of the shops, pubs, bars and restaurants.

Deal has one of three castles built along the coastline by Henry VIII and is open to the public.

It's a rugged castle, ideal for the kids to explore, with cellars and roofs giving views across the sea. Be sure to get the audio guide to make the most of your visit.

Also built by Henry VIII, Walmer Castle is still in use as the official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The other Tudor fortification is a ruin.

The timeball tower along the seafront was built in 1820 and was originally a Semaphore tower. It was used to pass messages along the east coast to help the Coastal Blockade in its fight against smugglers.

In 1853 the timeball was built on the top of the building. The ball was dropped once a day at 1pm by direct electrical signal from Greenwich. This enabled ship chronometers to be set accurately, vital for navigation.

The sea has played a huge role in the town's prosperity and is commemorated in pub names, artworks and relics. It is still a major factor in bringing people to the area – with one-time visitors becoming frequent tourists and in turn many of them becoming residents.

PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT ON **DEAL**

What it makes it special

DEAL has an excellent range of shops, frequent markets, wonderful architecture and an award-winning pier with a restaurant on its end. It has a wide shingle beach with a Tudor castle overlooking the seafront. Architecture is varied and the narrow streets extremely atmospheric, while there is a thriving arts, music and cultural scene. There is an impressive range of places to eat and drink, varying from traditional pubs once home to smugglers to contemporary venues. Many of them are sited along the seafront.

Room to improve

THE area close to the town's gasometer needs renovation and this is happening, although at a slower pace than many residents had hoped for. Train services to other coastal towns and London are not as frequent as many travellers would like, but there is an ongoing campaign to get high-speed services to stop at the town station.

Prices

DEAL'S most popular areas are the conservation parts of the town, around the centre. Ben Smith, of Miles and Barr, said: "A home can be had in the conservation area, which includes Middle Street, for £165,000 up to £480,000 by the seafront. Walmer is a popular place to buy as well." Ease of access to the town centre from some of the more picturesque parts is another attraction to buyers. Susan Percy, of Reeds Rains, said: "There are a lot of good schools in Deal, so we see a lot of interest from families. There are some people with second homes in the town because of its coastal location. It's not a 'kiss me quick' seaside place – it's one with history and heritage. It is popular with those looking for affordable homes. Around £140,000 will buy a good place."

Shops

TOWN motto is 'Befriend the Stranger' and with its many unique stores Deal is a good place to go for something a little different – staff in such shops will always be on hand to help the customer. It has a wide range of bookstores where many bargains and rare editions can be found and the town is home to one of the last remaining independent music stores. There are also speciality food shops and a good range of antique stores. There are several large supermarkets and the town centre is pedestrianised.

Schools

THE town and its surroundings have an excellent range of primary schools and it is also well served when it comes to secondary education. Deal Church of England Primary, Kingsdown and Ringwould Primary and Sholden Primary have all received outstanding results in the latest round of Government assessments. Secondary schools and colleges in the town and around have also benefited from recent reforms in structure and results have been positive.

Connections

BUSES serve the neighbouring towns of Walmer and Sandwich and also run to Canterbury, some reasonably direct and others via villages on a half-hourly basis. There are also two buses every hour linking the town with Dover. Trains run to Ramsgate and to Dover, where they continue on to Ashford International, which has connections to Paris, Brussels and Lille and then on to London. The Channel Tunnel shuttle service is in Cheriton, half an hour away by car.

What's on

THE Astor Theatre is one of the top venues in Kent for cultural events. Big-name acts who have played there recently include Dr Feelgood, Wishbone Ash and Hazel O'Connor. There are also cabaret nights featuring local and national names and there are opportunities for bands from east Kent to perform. Workshops are held during the day focusing on such things as painting, drawing and creative writing. Smugglers Records is a local label that encourages the development of talent from the area. Fishing from the pier is extremely popular and a folk festival held annually attracts thousands of visitors to the town.

Around and about

NEIGHBOURING Walmer has its own castle with excellent gardens and occasional outdoor film showings. Sandwich is one of the most complete medieval towns in Britain and has frequent festivals. It also has a number of nature reserves and seal-spotting trips are run from the quayside of the River Stour. Inland, Canterbury is immediately accessible with its world-class UNESCO-protected cathedral and surroundings as well as a wide range of shops, bars, cafés and restaurants. Dover with its castle and White Cliffs is also very close, as is Thanet with its beaches, Charles Dickens-related heritage and modern retail at the Westwood Cross shopping centre.

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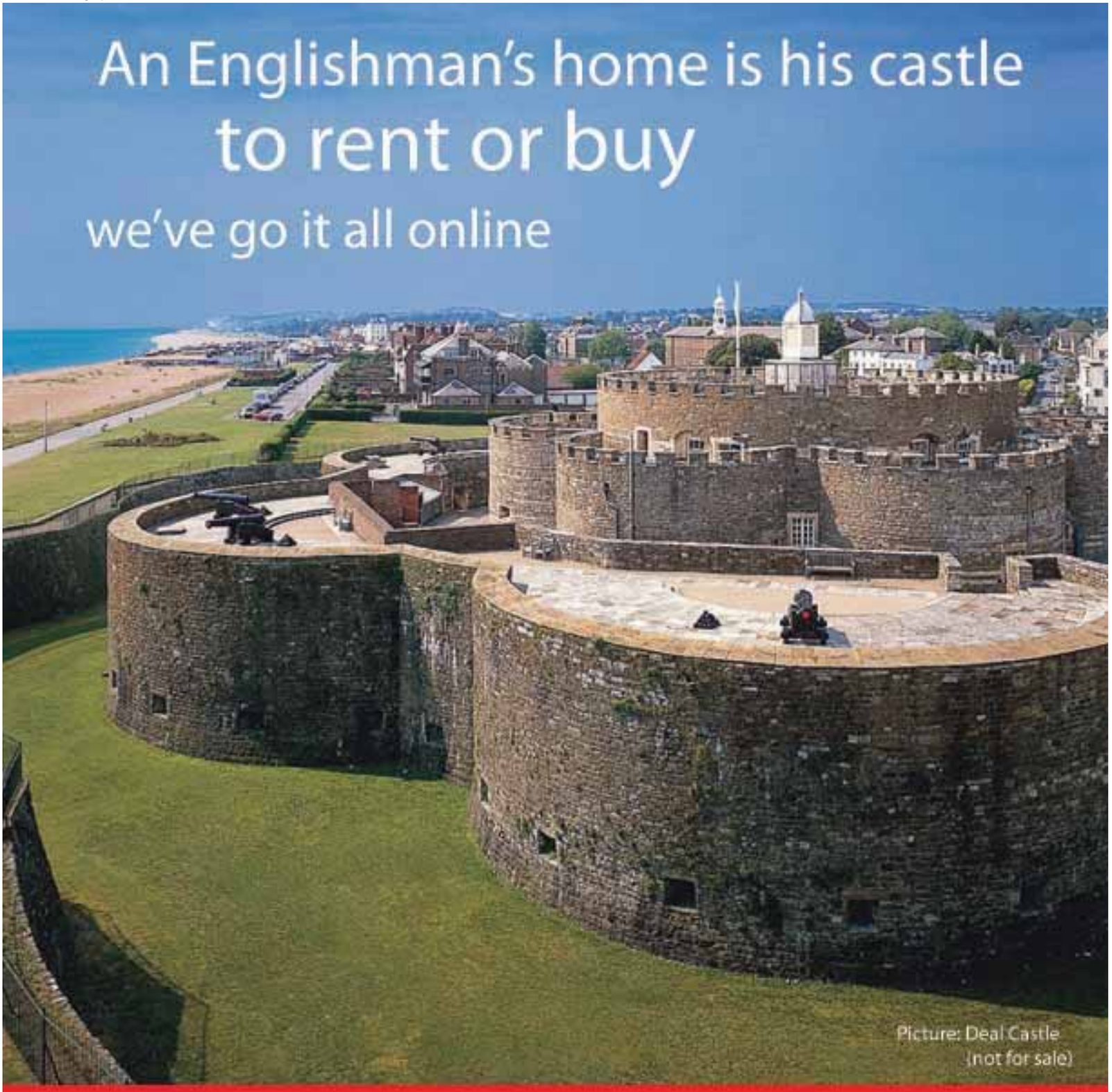

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THIS period home in a sought-after position in Walmer at 35 The Strand overlooks the historic Walmer Green and Royal Marines bandstand, offering panoramic sea views.
The seafront and bandstand are particularly popular in summer, with regular concerts held there. The substantial property was built around 1835 and gives flexible accommodation split over five floors, providing the opportunity for a variety of uses as a large family home, for holiday use or for income potential.
The rooms comprise four or five bedrooms, many with en-suite facilities, two or three receptions, kitchen diner, lounge with stunning views plus the added benefit of an attractive westerly-facing rear garden and a double garage. Viewing is essential to appreciate all that is on offer.
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Barracks Road
THE property is within walking distance of Walmer and Deal seafront and Deal town centre. Its address is 48 North Barracks Road, Walmer, a particularly attractive part of the town. Accommodation comprises living room, modern bathroom, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden and two double bedrooms. There is no onward chain, so call today to arrange your viewing.
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Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate all that is on offer.
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Albert Road
THIS two-bedroom end-of-terrace cottage is located conveniently for the town centre. Accommodation comprises a lounge, kitchen/diner, lean-to/utility, a pair of bedrooms and bathroom.
There is a small but quaint courtyard to the rear and although the property could benefit from some cosmetic modernisation it is in good order throughout.
The address is 62 Albert Road, Deal. There is access to a loft space and the home has a courtyard garden to the rear which includes borders and a walled perimeter.
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Escape to a weekend retreat

£229,995

Griffin Street
THIS period home is in the ever-popular conservation area of Deal, within walking distance of the beach and town centre at 4 Griffin Street. It is an area much in demand for both its quiet atmosphere and historic charm. The property has been maintained to a good standard and would make either a lovely family home or weekend retreat. In its present layout the property offers sitting room, kitchen, utility area, family bathroom, shower room and three bedrooms. It further benefits from some lovely period features, gas central heating and a rear courtyard. Internal viewing is recommended.
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Year-round popularity key to resort success

RENTED properties in Deal can be obtained at a wide range of prices – from flats at below £100 a week to family homes at four times that amount.

Despite not having a university or college and a lack of large businesses, the scene remains a positive one.

Some companies, including Miles and Barr, are looking to increase their stock and want to hear from people who are interested in renting out rooms.

Bob Humphries, of Bank House Properties, said: "The rental scene has been buoyant for a number of years.

"In some ways this is a bit of a mystery as there is no further-education establishment and heavy industry has declined with the closure of the pits.

"But it is a very good place to live – seaside towns are always popular so it seems that people have taken the decision to stay in the area and work elsewhere. Demand for rented homes has never gone away."

Popular areas for renting include the conservation zone close to the town centre, along the seafront and some of the older estates which were put up to house miners when the coal industry was at its height.

Mr Humphries also thinks Deal's stores and amenities add to its popularity among those renting a home. "In some seaside towns you see them shut down over the winter when tourists are not coming and the whole place seems dead," he said.

"But that is not the case in Deal. It's a 52-week-a-year town. I cannot think of a single store which closes its doors for the winter."

The town's renting scene has of course been affected by national conditions. Across much of the country, low mortgage-approval rates have pushed up the value of property rentals in recent months.

First-time buyers are renting for longer as they are unable to get on the property market due to low mortgage-approval rates.

Just 32,300 mortgages were approved in February, which is 12 per cent down on this time last year – meanwhile, rents have increased in many areas.

The demand for property in the South East is at a high level, with supply outstripping demand in many areas.

Renting remains popular as well among those who are unable to get together enough money to pay a mortgage deposit as well as among those in part-time work and studying.

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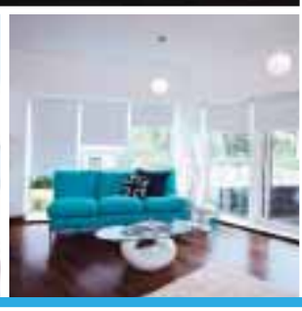

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Ultra-eco Passat best by miles

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IT'S easy to scoff at carmakers claiming that a facelift is actually a new model.

And I thought I had Volkswagen bang to rights when I saw the latest Passat – the German marque's family saloon/estate contestant.

Apart from cosmetics making the car appear sharper and more aerodynamic, it looks like the previous 2005-2010 model.

And who could blame VW bosses for thinking "don't fix it if it ain't broke" when the old car was such a huge success, loved by a UK company car sector that grabs some 80 per cent of Passat sales.

Look more closely and check the detail though and this really is a new and generously specc'd 7th generation Passat (from £18,880).

Every panel and glass surface apart from the roof is new, while that glass is either thicker or laminated as part of a rigid sound-deadening regime already applied successfully to several other VW best sellers; the Passat might look like a clone, but it sounds and rides far better than before.

Added to that is the latest VW low consumption and CO2 emissions BlueMotion technology; all Passat diesels now carry the BM stamp and can take you to Mars and back on a tank of fuel.

The eco-friendly package includes battery recharging via braking and Stop/Start systems. This gives the entry-level 1.6-litre TDI an average mpg in the mid-60s and a barely road taxable 114 g/km of CO2 emissions.

But having helped switch us to diesel, VW is now in the vanguard to re-invent petrol as a credible alternative, so Passat options also include advanced economical and low emission petrol units, including a BlueMotion.

This is the turbocharged 1.4-litre 122PS (121bhp) with vital statistics that would have seemed incredible for this class just a few years ago: 0-62mph in 10.3 seconds, a potential average of nearly 50mpg and CO2 emissions of just 138g/km.

Why bother though when diesels can do all that and usually better? Ah, but a diesel costs more to buy and fuel so you need to run it for more miles before starting to claw back the benefits while, in the meantime, the heavier engine will be harder on tyres and front end mechanicals.

And some of us yearn for the nimbleness and response of lighter petrol engines, so petrol may yet make a comeback, particularly as it suits smaller cars.

However, diesel remains king on Passat sales, despite those three petrol options and the UK best seller, with a 25 per cent share, should be the 2.0-litre TDI 140PS (139bhp) BlueMotion as tested here.

And rightly so, as it shows impressive performance (0-62mph in 9.8 seconds), CO2 emissions of 119 g/km and an average of more than 60mpg, while being an all-rounder, at home on the motorway, open road, or in traffic.

The above figures apply to the saloon, but VW expects the capacious Passat Estate model to outsell its sister for the first time as many Brits turn more to estates as a classy alternative to boxy MPVs.

Many buyers may also be tempted by the twin-clutch DSG auto too. It featured on the test car and while it adds an eye-watering £1,600 to the price, repays in convenience and little or no penalty in performance and economy, while allowing the car to be driven like a manual if required.

My one criticism of the Passat is that the roomy and robust cabin needed more razzmatazz this time around.

I hopped straight from the test car into a Vauxhall Insignia and was seduced by its curvy lines and style – a memo for the next Passat facelift perhaps?

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CASH PRICE	£2999
DEPOSIT/PART EXCHANGE	£300
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	£2699
PURCHASE FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£10
CREDIT FACILITY FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£310
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£4050.70
INITIAL PAYMENT	£170
34 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£98.02
FINAL PAYMENT	£248.02
DURATION OF AGREEMENT	36 MONTHS
FIXED RATE	15.8%
REPRESENTATIVE APR	24.9%

07/07 FORD FIESTA 1.4 STYLE (CLIMATE) 5DR

49167 MILES

£5699

CASH PRICE	£5699
DEPOSIT/PART EXCHANGE	£600
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	£5099
PURCHASE FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£10
CREDIT FACILITY FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£310
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£7494.36
INITIAL PAYMENT	£170
46 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£139.88
FINAL PAYMENT	£289.88
DURATION OF AGREEMENT	48 MONTHS
FIXED RATE	12.76%
REPRESENTATIVE APR	16.6%

09/09 FORD FOCUS 1.8 STYLE 5DR

18553 MILES

£7499

CASH PRICE	£7499
DEPOSIT/PART EXCHANGE	£800
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	£6699
PURCHASE FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£10
CREDIT FACILITY FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£310
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£9825.96
INITIAL PAYMENT	£345.36
35 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£175.36
OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	£2543
DURATION OF AGREEMENT	37 MONTHS
FIXED RATE	13.92%
REPRESENTATIVE APR	17.4%

09/09 FORD KUGA DIESEL ZETEC 2.0 TDCi 5DR

8527 MILES

£17499

CASH PRICE	£17499
DEPOSIT/PART EXCHANGE	£2000
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	£15499
PURCHASE FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£10
CREDIT FACILITY FEE (INC IN PAYMENTS BELOW)	£310
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	£22227.04
INITIAL PAYMENT	£578.39
35 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	£408.39
OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	£5355
DURATION OF AGREEMENT	37 MONTHS
FIXED RATE	13.41%
REPRESENTATIVE APR	15.4%

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2006 (56) TOYOTA RAV-4 XT4 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 35000 miles	£13,995
2007 (57) TOYOTA PRIUS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£12,995
2010 (60) TOYOTA YARIS TR VVT-I SENSODRIVE HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 960 miles	£10,995
2010 (10) TOYOTA IQ VVT-I IQ 3DR HATCH AUTO, PURPLE, 6000 miles	£9,495
2007 (57) TOYOTA AURIS T SPIRIT VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles	£8,995
2007 (07) TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles	£7,995
2005 (54) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T SPIRIT VVT-I MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles	£7,495
2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 3DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 5000 miles	£6,995
2005 (05) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles	£6,995
2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 25000 miles	£6,495
2007 (57) TOYOTA AYGO BLACK VVT-I MM 3DR HATCH, BLACK, 20000 miles	£5,995
2007 (56) TOYOTA YARIS ZINC MMT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 26000 miles	£5,995

NISSAN

2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 10000 miles	£19,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£17,995
2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 5000 miles	£16,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles	£15,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FIRED IRON, 7000 miles	£15,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 9000 miles	£15,995
2008 (58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles	£15,495
2010 (60) NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH, WHITE, 3000 miles	£12,995
2007 (07) NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 4000 miles	£11,995
2010 (60) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 300 miles	£11,995
2009 (09) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles	£9,995
2009 (58) NISSAN MICRA 25 CONVERTIBLE CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, EMOTION RED, 11000 miles	£9,995
2009 (59) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles	£8,495
2010 (60) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 999 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 16000 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles	£6,995
2008 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles	£6,995
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles	£6,995
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles	£6,995
2006 (56) NISSAN NOTE SE MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles	£5,995
2005 (54) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles	£4,995
2004 (54) NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£4,995
2005 (55) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles	£4,995
2005 (05) NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles	£4,995

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£9,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles	£9,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles	£9,495
2010 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles	£9,495
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles	£8,995
2009 (09) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles	£8,995
2009 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles	£8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles	£8,495
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 11000 miles	£7,495
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles	£6,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 14000 miles	£6,495
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£5,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANNACOTTA , 17000 miles	£5,995
2008 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 16000 miles	£5,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 16000 miles	£5,995

NEW MODEL ASTRA

2010 (10) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 950 miles	£15,995
2010 (60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles	£14,995
2010 (10) VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI 5DR HATCH AUTO, STAR SILVER, 1900 miles	£13,995

ASTRA ESTATES

2009 (09) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles	£7,995
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles	£6,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles	£6,995
2006 (56) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 18000 miles	£6,495
2006 (56) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles	£5,995

ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2009 (09) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, ICE GREEN, 9000 miles	£12,995
2010 (59) VAUXHALL MERIVA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, STEEL BLUE, 3000 miles	£9,495
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, STEEL BLUE, 11000 miles	£8,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 12000 miles	£8,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles	£8,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles	£8,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles	£7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, TURQUOISE, 13000 miles	£7,995
2008 (57) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles	£6,995
2005 (05) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 9000 miles	£5,995

PEUGEOT

2010 (60) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 1000 miles	£10,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£9,995
2010 (10) PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles	£9,495
2008 (08) PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, DIABLO RED, 13000 miles	£8,995
2008 (08) PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£8,995
2007 (07) PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles	£8,995
2010 (60) PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 850 miles	£7,995
2008 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles	£7,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles	£6,995
2001 (51) PEUGEOT 206 COUPE CABRIOLET S COUPE AUTO, RED, 26000 miles	£3,995

MITSUBISHI

2007 (57) MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles	£6,995

HONDA

2008 (57) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles	£17,995
2008 (57) HONDA CR-V ES AUTO 5DR AUTO, SPARKLING GREY, 17000 miles	£17,995
2007 (07) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 24000 miles	£16,995
2006 (06) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 26000 miles	£11,995
2009 (09) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles	£9,995
2008 (58) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles	£9,495
2007 (07) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 8000 miles	£8,495

MERCEDES

2009 (09) MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 20000 miles	£23,995
2008 (58) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles	£13,995
2010 (60) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, MOUNTAIN GREY, 1610 miles	£13,995
2009 (59) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles	£13,995
2009 (09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles	£12,995
2007 (57) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 miles	£12,995
2007 (57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles	£9,995
2007 (57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles	£9,995
2007 (56) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles	£8,995
2002 (02) MERCEDES-BENZ SLK SLK230 KOMPRESSOR CONVERTIBLE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 38000 miles	£7,995

VOLKSWAGEN

2010 (60) VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, NIMBUS GREY, 999 miles	£12,995
2008 (57) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles	£11,995
2006 (06) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles	£9,995
2007 (07) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 17000 miles	£9,995
2008 (58) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles	£8,995
2007 (57) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 miles	£7,995
2008 (57) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 4000 miles	£7,995
2007 (07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 3DR HATCH AUTO, REFLEX SILVER, 16000 miles	£7,495
2005 (05) VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles	£5,495

DIESEL AUTOMATICS

2010 (60) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles	£16,995
2009 (59) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles	£16,995
2010 (60) VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles	£15,995
2009 (59) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles	£13,995
2009 (09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles	£12,995
2009 (09) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, ICE GREEN, 9000 miles	£12,995

MORRIS'S MANUAL CARS

2009 (F) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH, WHITE, 3000 miles	£9,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL MERIVA ENERGY CDTI TD MPV, BLACK, 24000 miles	£6,995
2006 (06) JAGUAR X-TYPE S D TD SALOON, RED, 72000 miles	£6,995
2005 (55) TOYOTA COROLLA T3 COLOUR COLLECTION VVT-I 5DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 33000 miles	£5,995
2006 (56) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles	£5,495
2006 (06) FORD FIESTA GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH, AMETHYST, 35000 miles	£5,495
2007 (07) KIA PICANTO LS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 17000 miles	£4,995
2008 (08) RENAULT TWINGO DYNAMIQUE 3DR HATCH, ORANGE, 35000 miles	£4,695
2003 (03) PEUGEOT 206 CC SILVER COUPE, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 27000 miles	£4,695
2007 (07) FIAT PANDA DYNAMIC 5DR HATCH, GREY, 8000 miles	£4,495
2005 (05) VAUXHALL AGILA ENJOY 16V TWINPORT MPV, GOLD, 20000 miles	£3,995
2006 (06) FORD KA DESIGN 3DR HATCH, BLACK, 39000 miles	£3,695
2004 (04) CITROEN C3 L 5DR HATCH, WHITE, 35000 miles	£3,495
2002 (51) VAUXHALL ASTRA COMFORT 16V 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 41000 miles	£2,695

SKODA

2008 (58) SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles	£8,995

QASHQAI

2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1000 miles	£20,995
2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 10000 miles	£19,995
2010 (59) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles	£19,495
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£17,995
2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles	£17,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles	£15,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 9000 miles	£15,995
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FIRED IRON, 7000 miles	£15,995
2008 (08) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 4WD 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, ORANGE, 17000 miles	£15,995
2008 (08) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 10000 miles	£15,995
2008 (58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles	£15,495
2007 (07) NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 4000 miles	£11,995

FIESTA

2008 (08) FORD FIESTA GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, STRATOS SILVER, 11000 miles	£7,995
2008 (08) FORD FIESTA GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, MAUVE, 5000 miles	£7,995
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159, 3.2 V6 JTS Q4 LUSSO, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player climate control electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior body coloured bumpers height adj drivers seat, black, 30376 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

159, 2.4 JTDM LUSSO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 28347 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

159, 1.9 JTDM 16v LUSSO, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, alfa red, 70000 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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BRERA, 2.4 JTDM SV, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 28347 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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BRERA, 2.4 JTDM SV, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 28347 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

AUDI

A3, SE FSI, 2006, air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking, mauve met. 24500 miles, £9500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

A3, sport tdi, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single multi functional tunepoint (i-pod and mp3 connection) remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers atral silver, 20490 miles, £11000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6 Sports, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning central locking electric windows multiple airbags power steering adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 60000 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering locking, silver, 8367 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, sport tdi, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags remote central locking multi functional tunepoint (i-miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, 1.9 SPORTBACK TDi SE, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers height adj drivers seat, black, 52382 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, SE FSI, 2006, air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking, mauve met. 24500 miles, £9500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 tdi se, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable mirrors height adj drivers seat, silver, 59000 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, 1.9 SPORTBACK TDi SE, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser body coloured bumpers black, 52382 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6 Sports, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning central locking electric windows multiple airbags power steering adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 60000 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, TDI Sport, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 11095 miles, £17000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows power steering, silver, 40269 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control remote central locking, silver, 8367 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0T FSI S LINE DSG, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, grey, 84428 miles, £8750, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 1.9 SPORTBACK TDi, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights power steering tonneau cover traction control remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 22065 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, SE FSI, 2006, air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking, mauve met. 24500 miles, £9500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 tdi se, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering traction control twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column front armrest body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, silver, 59000 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6 Sports, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning central locking electric windows multiple airbags power steering adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 60000 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, SE FSI, 2006, air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking, mauve met. 24500 miles, £9500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 tdi se, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel electric windowsfront armrest body coloured bumpers rear heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, silver, 59000 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0T FSI S LINE DSG, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height space saver spare wheel, grey, 84428 miles, £8750, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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TOP SELLER: The market-leading midi people carrier, the Vauxhall Zafira pioneered the concept of allowing all five rear seats to be folded away quickly. It can be anything from a van to a full seven-seater within moments.

HIGH-SPEC: Hyundai i30 - the Korean brand's family hatchback and estate range offers sophistication and many standard features.

PEOPLE with disabilities and their families have been liberated by the modern-day Motability scheme.

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But Motability does not rest on its laurels. The Government-backed organisation continues to review and refine the scheme.

A recent innovation allows customers who have driven less than 15,000 miles by the end of their agreement to now extend the lease.

There is also a £250 Good Condition Bonus, Motability's way of saying 'thank you' to customers for looking after a car.

And the online Car Search tool has been upgraded to help prospective customers find their perfect match from some 4,000 models available through the scheme.

No matter how people start their search, it can help compare up to four cars side by side and build a short-list for saving, or printing out to take to the local Motability dealer.

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The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km) for the 207 range are: urban 28.5-49.5 (9.9-5.7), extra urban 49.5-76.3 (5.7-3.7), combined 39.2-64.1 (7.2-4.4) and CO2 117-171 (g/km) and for the 308 range are: urban 24.8-49.5 (11.4-5.7), extra urban 47.1-74.3 (6.0-3.8), combined 35.8-62.7 (7.9-4.5) and CO2 120-188 (g/km) and for the 3008 range are: Urban 26.7 (10.6) - 47.9 (5.9), Extra Urban 50.4 (5.6) - 65.7 (4.3), Combined 38.2 (7.4) - 57.7 (4.9) *Nil advance payment subject to availability and on selected 207 and 308 models only. Information and offers are correct at time of going to press, however Peugeot Motor Company PLC reserve the right to change these at any time and without notice. †£100 worth of accessories offer ends 31st December 2011. Terms and conditions apply, ask at the Dealership for details. Models shown are for illustrative purposes only. #Figures quoted apply to combined cycle for 207, 308 and 3008 range. For full terms and conditions, please contact the Peugeot Motability line on 0845 945 5466. Calls may be recorded for training purposes.

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With comparable running costs for private cars rising, Motability makes great financial sense and customers have the comfort and security of knowing that the regular payment won't change over the years of the lease – whatever the economy brings.

And customers also need to remember that up to two named drivers can be included on the Motability insurance policy as part of the all-inclusive package; for a little bit extra, a third driver can be added for even more flexibility.

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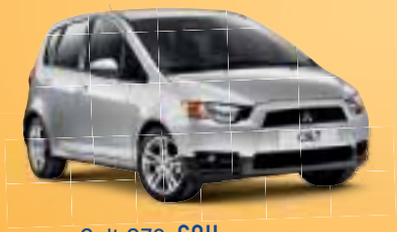

Colt CZ2 £NIL Advance Payment

Under the Motability Contract Hire Scheme for new cars, a driver receiving the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) can get the use of a Lancer Hatchback 2.0 DI-D GS2 for 3 years at £199 AP and £Total Allowance Weekly Rental, or a Colt CZ2 3 door or 5 door for 3 years at £Nil AP and Weekly Rental from £51.40. The facilities offered are for the hire (bailment) of goods. The Motability Contract Hire Scheme is administered by Motability Operations Limited (Registered Company No. 1373876), City Gate House, 22 Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 9HB. To qualify you must be in receipt of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the DLA or War Pensioners Mobility Supplement (WPMS) which will be taken in lieu of the four weekly rental. AP and Weekly Rental will differ for WPMS holders, please ask the dealer for details. Full written details, including terms and conditions, are available on request. Models shown for illustrative purposes only. Colt specification differs on Colt CZ2 ClearTec models. Rentals valid from 1st April – 30th June 2011.

Lancer 2.0 DI-D GS2 fuel consumption in mpg (ltrs/100km): Urban 34.4 (8.2), Extra Urban 56.5 (5.0), Combined 45.6 (6.2), CO_2 emissions 163 g/km. Colt CZ2 range fuel consumption in mpg (ltrs/100km): Urban 44.1 – 36.7 (6.4 – 7.7), Extra Urban 64.2 – 56.5 (4.4 – 5.0), Combined 55.4 – 47.1 (5.1 – 6.0), CO_2 emissions 119 – 143 g/km.

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Motability recently relaunched its 'Your guide to adaptations', introducing the most popular types of adaptations and answering some of the most common questions.

For a copy, visit www.motability.co.uk or phone 0800 093 1000.

The easy and most cost-effective way of adapting the car is at the start a new Motability lease – customers need to pay for any adaptations that are added during the lease.

The service

MOTABILITY aims to provide the best possible service at all times, so it surveys some 600 customers twice-yearly to check their leasing experience matches expectations.

For the past three years the organisation has achieved an overall satisfaction rating of 97 per cent but also scooped three awards at the Top 50 Call Centres for Customer Service awards, winning Public Services and Best Newcomer and coming second place in the overall Top 50 chart.

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Advance Payment offers are only valid for Motability applications from 1st April to 30th June 2011 and are correct at time of going to press.

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Wheelchair-accessible vehicles

CROSSOVER: Mitsubishi ASX – the Japanese marque's answer to the booming crossover sector (part MPV/SUV/family hatchback) is putting its dealerships on the map

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Touring car legend TIM HARVEY has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as he looks to retain his Porsche Carrera Cup title. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, is in his second spell with Wrotham-based team Motorbase Performance. He describes his defence of the Carrera Cup crown as well as sharing his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship

'Honda to lead at Donington'

"We're all heading up to Donington Park for the second round of the British Touring Car Championship season this weekend, and I think again it is going to be very interesting.

Clearly Jason Plato had a great time of it in the Chevrolet at Brands Hatch two weeks ago, but the turbo-charged cars, particularly the Hondas, are very quick.

Each circuit is different and power is definitely going to be an advantage at Donington, so unless Jason can get himself at the front, he could struggle to pass them. Everyone tries to maximise their car at every race, but Donington Park is definitely going to favour the more powerful cars, so the Hondas of Matt Neal and Gordon Shedden will be trying to rack up as many points as they possibly can.

On a personal note, I'll be back in the commentary box as well as driving in the Porsche Carrera Cup races, but my schedule doesn't look too bad.

The first Carrera Cup race is at 9.20am on Sunday and we've then got a touring car race immediately before I get back behind the wheel in race two at 3.05pm. That's not too bad, though, because I can finish off my bit for TV, just back out of the commentary box and head down.

I've always gone well up at Donington, I've had many wins there and I enjoy it. It's been improved since they moved the front chicane back a bit.

Heading back to Motorbase after the first round at Brands, there was clearly work to be done on the Porsches. We're only talking about small tweaks here, but a few small tweaks can make quite a difference when you're talking about tyre performance. Donington's a different surface and we may well be able to optimise the car there in testing.

We're still in discussion with Porsche over the controversial weight issue; nothing's moved forward but we've compiled our evidence and we'll be presenting more evidence on a daily basis.

We don't give up, we'll keep fighting, but unfortunately the weight handicap is going to be worth three-tenths of a second up there.

There could be other issues, too, the weather could be a factor on the tyre performance over the duration of the race. We won't change our approach too much, but with this new car the set-up for qualifying and the race are two different things to work out."

SNOOKER

Hawkins desperate to end first-round jinx at Crucible

By David Pritchard
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KEEPING control of nervous tension will be key for Barry Hawkins as he looks to avoid a sixth successive first-round defeat at the World Snooker Championships next week.

The biggest event on the snooker calendar begins in Sheffield on Saturday, with Hawkins' last-32 meeting with Stephen Maguire played over two sessions on Monday.

Although reaching the hallowed baize at the Crucible is the highlight of the year, the famous theatre has not been kind to the Dartford potter. His five previous trips to South Yorkshire have been brief affairs, always returning back to Kent after falling at the first hurdle.

It began with a 10-1 thrashing at the hands of former world champion Ken Doherty in 2006, when Hawkins first experienced the sinking feeling.

"I won the first frame and thought 'this is alright', but then it hit me all of a sudden where I was and it unsettled me," he said. "I hardly potted anything for the rest of the match.

"That's what the place can do to you, it can make you freeze if you're not careful. It's a great place to play if you're going well because of the atmosphere, but it is a horrible place if things start to go wrong. You try to make yourself believe it's the same as every other venue, but when you see the buzz around it you realise it's bigger than the rest of the year; it's special."

Hawkins has shown flashes of his best form at the championships. For two years in a row he suffered the anguish of being eliminated following a final frame decider, while last year he led defending champion John Higgins 5-3 before losing seven of the next eight frames.

The world number 26, who will celebrate his 32nd birthday at the tournament if he makes it to the second round next weekend, practiced with Joe Perry and defending champion Neil Robertson in Cambridge this week in an effort to discover his best form.

Hawkins had to come through qualifying just to earn the right of appearing in the first televised round, confidently progressing past the experienced Anthony Hamilton 10-5 at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield last month.

DETERMINED: Kent cueman Barry Hawkins takes on Stephen Maguire at the Crucible on Monday

Although he will start as an outsider to progress past Maguire, a top eight player and former UK champion, Hawkins knows an indifferent season could be transformed by a run to the latter stages.

He said: "It would be lovely to see what it feels like to get to the second round. From then on the matches are played over three sessions so you really feel part of the tournament - going out in the first couple of days you're not really in the thick of it.

"If you can get through the first round sometimes the draw can open up for you. If you miss the bigger names all of a sudden players can find themselves in the quarter-finals and then anything can happen.

"One thing I have in my favour perhaps is I'm a bit fresher than a few of the players because I haven't played too much."

MOTORSPORT

Gilham's late deal nets a BTCC stay

FEARS Tony Gilham would be unable to take his place on the grid at Donington this weekend were averted after a last-minute sponsorship deal.

The 31-year-old was quick on his British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) debut at Brands Hatch a fortnight ago, claiming a hat-trick of top-10 finishes in his Vauxhall Vectra.

But the fast start was threatened by the withdrawal of a major sponsor, which left the Dartford driver contemplating missing out this weekend. Fortunately the extreme measure was staved off when an existing backer, Collins Contractors, increased his commitment to the 888 Racing team. A long-term sponsor is still needed, but Gilham is relieved to be lining up on the grid this weekend.

He said: "It was absolutely last-minute stuff, but we'll be at Donington and that's the main thing."

IN: Tony Gilham secured a deal

MOTORSPORT

Jackson looks to chase Plato at Donington Park

MOTORBASE Performance are at Donington this weekend looking to build on their encouraging start to the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC).

Competing as Airwaves Racing, the team's new Ford Focus cars were among the quickest in the field at the opening round at Brands Hatch earlier this month.

Mat Jackson heads to the Leicestershire circuit looking to build on two podium finishes in the first three races, with early championship leader Jason Plato in his sights.

The 29-year-old believes the fast, undulating circuit will be a good match for the Focus.

He said: "I'm looking forward to Donington as I think it will suit our car well and with the progress that we made at Brands Hatch it looks likely it could produce some great results for us."

The pressure will be on Jackson's team-mate, Liam Griffin, who failed to score a point on his BTCC debut at Brands after making the step up from the Porsche Carrera Cup. Dartford's Tony Gilham will also be representing the county, driving for 888 Racing in a Vauxhall Vectra.

The first of Sunday's three races begins at 11.25am.

FOOTBALL

Gillingham and Charlton Athletic poised to bolster Kent Senior Cup

EXCLUSIVE
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TWO Football League clubs are set to join the Kent Senior Cup for next season.

Gillingham and Charlton Athletic are both close to confirming that they will field teams in the competition, with the news expected to be officially announced at this season's cup final between Dartford and Bromley at Princes Park on May 2.

Their inclusion in next season's competition represents a significant coup for cup organisers, the Kent County Football Association (KCFA).

Raising the profile of the 122-year old tournament was high on the agenda for new KCFA chief executive Paul Dolan when he took over from Keith Masters in February, with the cup having slipped down the pecking order in terms of importance for a number of the county's senior clubs.

However, with the inclusion of Gillingham, Kent's only league club, and Charlton - affiliated members of the KCFA - it's hoped crowds will return to watch games next season.

Gills and Charlton are unlikely to play their games at home and are expected to be seeded, so they are kept apart in the early rounds of the competition.

Elsewhere, the likelihood of a new division in Kent being established in time for next season strengthened markedly this week after the Football Association approved plans.

The governing body's leagues committee met on Tuesday to review the progress made by the steering group set up to organise the league, which would slot in at step six in the football pyramid.

Kent is one of the few counties in England without access to the level of competition, making it difficult for clubs to move between the Kent County League, at step seven, and the Kent League, at step five. Other than the chance to progress, the main attraction for interested clubs is the increased level of funding for ground improvements available at step six compared to the levels below.

The FA gave the proposal the green light and within the next few days will write to the 15 interested clubs whose home grounds meet the minimum grading criteria. The clubs will then have a week to respond and providing the majority are in favour the path will be clear to set up the division in time for next season.

Denise Richmond, Kent League chairman, said: "I think it's a big hurdle to get over. It's in the clubs' hands now and they have to start putting their money where their mouth is. I think it's a really positive move for Kent football."

Picture: ADY KERRY

CLASH: Gills and Charlton Athletic are both set to play in next season's Kent Senior Cup

MOTORSPORT

HEALTHY: Leon Camier is recovering from fever

Camier back on track after glandular fever

MEDICAL staff have given Leon Camier the all-clear to start doing physical work again after blood tests revealed the glandular fever which threatened to disrupt his season had passed.

The World Superbike rider has continued to compete despite the problem, but away from the track he has lacked the energy to do the training required to stay in shape.

An end is now in sight following encouraging tests earlier this week which will allow Camier to resume some light exercise, much to the Ashford rider's relief.

He said: "The glandular fever completely wiped out my fitness so I have to start from scratch. Unfortunately I've been told I can only do some real steady cycling and gym work, I can't push myself yet, but at least I can do something - it's progress."

Despite his condition, the Aprilia rider claimed an extraordinary third place at Donington three weeks ago and is in the Netherlands this weekend for the third round of the championship. Doubts remain over his lack of physical condition, but Camier is pleased to be back at Assen.

He said: "I had my first World Superbike podium there last year so it holds some good memories. It's a really physical circuit so I don't know how I'll hold up, but I'm doing everything I can to try and score another couple of strong results."

COUNTDOWN TO THE OPEN

88 DAYS: Seve Ballesteros won his third and final Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St Anne's in 1988, shooting 65 on the final day to win by two shots

RORY McIlroy's collapse in the final round at the US Masters last weekend will have resonated with most amateur golfers, but the Ulsterman is still backed to figure prominently when The Open comes to Royal St George's this summer.

The 21-year-old appeared to be heading for his first major title at Augusta after three immaculate rounds saw him build a four-shot lead.

But the pressure finally told last Sunday, when he dropped six shots in three holes on his way to an eight-over-par round of 80 to finish 10 shots behind eventual winner Charl Schwartzel.

Chris Aked, a PGA professional at Royal Blackheath, who is providing expert analysis in our build-up to The Open, felt it showed the importance of mental strength in golf.

He said: "It's painful to watch when you can see someone going through it and a lot of golfers, whatever level they play, will be able to relate to it. When a round starts to unravel it's very difficult to stop it.

"Everything seemed to be quicker in his routine and in his general demeanour he looked out of sorts. His natural rhythm was upset and that begins a downward spiral."

Despite McIlroy's implosion, Aked believes there is every chance the world number nine could lift the Claret Jug in Kent come July 17.

He said: "He seems to have reacted well in the interviews he's given since. It's testament to him he's able to do that at his age and it's all part of the grieving process. I think it's good he's gone straight into another tournament [at the Malaysian Open] this week to get back on the horse.

"He's playing well, no doubt about it, the first three rounds everything looked sharp. The hangover from Augusta will be well and truly gone by the time The Open comes round and let's hope he's won a couple more events before then.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if he was a contender at Sandwich, he had a good amateur upbringing on links courses."

AGONY: Rory McIlroy lost a big lead at Augusta

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CRICKET

INJURED: Azhar Mahmood

Azhar keen to stay with county past this season

PAKISTANI all-rounder Azhar Mahmood says he has no desire to bring an end to his colourful career as he enters the final year of his contract at Kent.

Out of contract at the end of this season, Mahmood is playing for an extension at Kent and believes at the age of 36, there's still more to come.

Despite being on a one-day deal at Kent, he played seven LV= County Championship games in Division One last year and hopes to play a similar number this season as the club look to gain promotion from Division Two.

"I am keen to play and am positive about playing championship cricket," he said. "I am on a one-day contract, but I have negotiated with the club that whenever they need me I will play championship cricket. I think it will be like last year, I played seven championship games and that was good for me because it gives me enough recovery time in between matches."

Mahmood, who played 143 One-Day Internationals and 21 Tests for his country, was due to play in the game at Essex last week, but has missed the beginning of the season with a hip and groin injury.

It's not clear at this stage how long he will be out for, but Mahmood, who signed for the county in 2007, wants to stay at Kent and play beyond his 18th year in first-class cricket.

He said: "This is my last season [of this contract], but I think I have still got a lot of cricket left in me.

"I still believe that I am fit and strong and as long as the body is up to it I want to carry on playing. I love the game so I am happy to keep going."

CRICKET

One-day selection vital to Northeast's future at Kent

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All pictures: ADY KERRY

TON UP: Sam Northeast scored the first century of the season, but is yet to sign a new deal at Kent

SAM Northeast says being left out of the Kent Spitfires' side in Twenty20 and one-day cricket last year was "a factor" in his decision to run down his contract at St Lawrence.

The 21-year-old made just a solitary appearance in the Clydesdale Bank 40 and wasn't included in the side for the Friends Provident t20 at all last summer.

His exclusion from limited overs cricket now appears to be the stumbling block after Northeast turned down a contract extension from the county during the winter, instead choosing to run down his final year before making a decision about where his future lies.

"It was my decision to run it down this year," he said. "If they were close to offering me to go out and play one-day and Twenty20 cricket then we would have a look at it. It is a factor [in why he has not signed], but I've got to put in the performances that will allow me to do that. There's no doubt about it, I won't just walk into a one-day side anywhere, I have to put in the performances.

"With the contract down I am not going to feel pressure, if anything it is a benefit because it is going to make me push that little bit harder. Kent have stood by me really well and it's a great club and it looks like it's going forward, but you do have to think of your own career as well."

Kent's issue has been finding a place for Northeast in their batting line-up in one-day cricket, having in the past opted for six batsmen with Azhar Mahmood in the all-rounder's position and four bowlers.

Northeast has consequently found a place in the side blocked by team-mate Alex Blake, who filled the number six spot last season, but the former England under-19 batsman is clear about his intentions for the future.

"The biggest thing for me this year is to try and get in that one-day team and I've got to do it in terms of me moving forward," he said. "I know the club don't perceive me as just a four-day cricketer, but there are players that have probably got a better one-day record than I do. I can see myself playing all forms of cricket and I really want to do that. I wouldn't be happy if I spent my whole career playing just four-day cricket, I wouldn't be satisfied with that.

"It's a massive thing for me to get in that team, I have been working hard on my one-day skills and for me that's the next step."

The Ashford-born right-hander was the first player to score a hundred this season, hitting a match-winning 112 in Kent's opening LV= County Championship game of the season at Essex. He showed his ability to score quickly, hitting his first 50 in 108 balls, before opening up and smashing a second 50 in just 40 balls which included two sixes.

It was his first game batting at number three in the order and it's where he wants to stay.

He said: "I batted at three in Australia and I came back and said I wanted to bat there. Luckily enough Jonah [Geraint Jones] is happy batting five and everyone is happy with where they are in the order, so it's sort of worked itself out.

"I have always batted in the top three and enjoyed that, but batting at five last year - and I'm not making excuses for myself - you are waiting to bat and that's not necessarily something I like doing.

"You set the tone at the top and I prefer to do that than wait around for others to set the tone for you and I found that difficult mentally more than anything."

RECALLED: Charlie Shreck's returned to Notts

CRICKET

Farbrace not ruling out use of loan system in the future as Shreck returns to Trent Bridge

KENT'S director of cricket, Paul Farbrace, has not ruled out using the loan system again this season after Charlie Shreck was recalled just a week into his one-month deal with the county.

Shreck was signed on the eve of Kent's LV= County Championship opener against Essex last week after both Azhar Mahmood and Matt Coles were ruled out through injury. However, five days into his stay at St Lawrence, the 33-year-old was recalled by Nottinghamshire to play in their game with Hampshire, which finshes on Sunday.

With Kent's bowling department thin on numbers, Farbrace said the county would have no hesitation in using the system again if his frontline seamers were lost to injury.

He said: "The only advantage about being in Division Two is that some Division One sides are prepared to let you have some bowlers. [Notts] are not the only club I have spoken to, I have spoken to a few about the possibility of loans."

Robbie Joseph's return after almost two years out with a shoulder injury was a huge boost to the side, showing why he is so highly rated with figures of 4 for 25 in the second innings at Essex. Farbrace was pleased to see the 29-year-old back out on the field and said the challenge for the fast bowler is to remain fit and on form for the whole season.

He said: "Robbie is getting better and better every game he plays. He has had two pretty difficult years having spent a lot of time on his own trying to get fit and then there were a few people pointing the finger saying 'he is soft, he is weak' and that's just rubbish.

"The bloke has tried so hard and has bust his gut trying to get himself fit and deserves to enjoy what he has done. But he knows as well as we do that it is only one game, you have to string games together before people will be convinced he is 100 per cent fit and firing."

TALKS A GOOD GAME

Straight-talking Gillingham defender Matt Lawrence speaks to **DAVID PRITCHARD** about the club's prospects of finishing in the play-offs

THERE is a certain inevitability about what happens next when someone involved in sport is asked about their prospects in the future.

You can almost put your mortgage on the answer being positive, more often than not it can be wildly optimistic. These are people who buy into the power of positive thinking, where footballers will invariably swear blind promotion is realistic, even if it can only be achieved by winning the next 17 games.

So when you get a different response it can come as a surprise. Step forward Matt Lawrence, who, when asked if he felt automatic promotion was still realistic for Gillingham this season, veered away from the norm.

"No, I don't. If we can go on a run of wins then anything is possible, but I feel there are too many teams above us now who can all do the same thing," he said.

"We would need a lot of teams to slip up and the likes of Torquay and Stevenage above us are playing very well. It's not very likely, but that doesn't mean it won't happen if we win the last five games.

"Everyone's under this assumption that if we don't make automatic we're going to get into the play-offs, but it's very tight up there and there's no guarantee of anything at this stage."

Lawrence's clarity may have its source in his route into the professional game, which was anything but orthodox. The defender did not get his first professional contract until he was 21, by which stage he had spent three years studying for an American Literature degree at Hartwick College in upstate New York.

"It was a way that suited me and I could carry on my education," he said. "It wasn't a way I chose, I had no chance to turn professional when I was 16 or 18 so I just carried on with my education.

"Scouts were over from the States, watched a couple of games I played in and offered me a scholarship. It helped me grow up, I left home at 18 and moved 3,500 miles, so it wasn't as if I could pick the phone up and get my parents to do something for me. It was great and I wouldn't swap it for the world."

A career which included spells at Fulham, Millwall and Crystal Palace followed before the 36-year-old joined Gillingham last summer, passing 600 career appearances in March.

Lawrence has no intention of retiring in the near future and has made it clear he would like to prolong his stay at Priestfield beyond this season. While few present day players would think about going to university before pursuing a career, the veteran believes a tough economic climate means opportunities still exist for late starters.

"Lots of players playing non-league at 21 can find their way up to the Football League, especially League Two, which isn't massively different from the Conference," he said. "With the financial pressure on lower league teams now they are always looking for a bargain and whether you're 21 or 24 there's still time."

After hanging up his boots a career as a pundit interests Lawrence, If so, then presenters beware: expect a straight answer.

Picture: ADY KERRY

SCHOLAR: Gills' Matt Lawrence spent three years at college in the United States before a career in football

FACT FILE

- Matt Lawrence
- Age: 36
- Former clubs: Grays Athletic, Wycombe, Fulham, Millwall, Crystal Palace
- Appearances: 608 in all competitions
- Career highlight: Captaining Millwall in the 2004 FA Cup final defeat against Manchester United at the Millennium Stadium

Picture: DAVE PLUMB

BACK: Scott Ginty is raring to go for the run-in

FOOTBALL

Ginty hoping to fire Fleet to promotion after overcoming his injury nightmare

SCOTT Ginty says he is fit and ready to help fire Ebbsfleet United to promotion after spending the majority of the season suffering with a recurrence of a hamstring injury.

The 19-year-old striker plundered seven goals in pre-season and was paired with Calum Willock as the Fleet looked to find their feet in Conference South. However, his hopes were shattered just three games into the league season as he limped off at Bishop's Stortford with a pulled hamstring which would keep him sidelined for almost three months.

Fleet boss Liam Daish tried to ease Ginty back into the fold, keeping him on the bench for seven successive games at the end of last year, but the former Peterborough front-man broke down just 19 minutes into his return to the starting XI against Dorchester Town in January.

"It's been a nightmare, really," he said. "I was trying really hard and then I pushed myself, came back a bit early and got another setback. The lads and the management have been great, though, they've kept me going."

To undergo full rehabilitation, Ginty spent two weeks at Lilleshall National Sports Centre and has so far shown no signs of relapsing, coming off the bench to score in the Fleet's 4-0 win over St Albans last weekend.

He said: "It was really intense at Lilleshall but they were brilliant, as is [Ebbsfleet physio] Stuart Phazey here at the club. I'm still carrying on with their programme because I can't have it happening again. I'm fully fit, I'm ready when needed and I'll be happy if I can come on and help the team out. If we go up, I'll look back on the season as a good one."

FOOTBALL

Gills youth boss to take it easy this time around

GILLINGHAM youth team manager Darren Hare is vowing to take it easy as he recovers from a second heart attack.

The 44-year-old underwent emergency surgery after suffering his first attack in February. He admits returning to work too quickly possibly contributed to a relapse last month, which saw him return to hospital.

Now back on the road to recovery, Hare (pictured) is determined to follow doctor's orders.

He said: "The second one came as a shock and psychologically it's been quite tough, but I'm feeling better. I won't take anything for granted this time and I'm certainly taking it a lot easier. Realistically I think I'm looking at coming back into the club full-time for pre-season."

Hare was involved in deciding which second year youth players were offered professional deals. Daren Hawkes, Callum Davies, Jack Evans, Tom Brunt and Alex Brown were asked to stay on, while Ryan Benniman, Sam Fisher and James Brown will be released.

FOOTBALL

Club legends sign up for supporters' night

A HOST of well known figures from Gillingham sides of the past will get together next month to pay tribute to Bill 'Buster' Collins.

The long-serving former player and coach died last November, aged 90, and will be honoured at the Gillingham Independent Supporters Club's annual player of the year awards.

Micky Adams, Steve Lovell and Keith Peacock are among the ex-Gills who have already committed themselves to the evening, held at the Anchorians Sports Club on Sunday, May 1.

The legends, who were all influenced by Collins, will hold a Q&A session for fans discussing his impact at Priestfield.

The night will also include a sports memorabilia auction, with all money raised going to Marie Curie Cancer Care, as chosen by Collins' wife Betty.

Contact Neil Klee for tickets, which cost £5, on neil181247@gmail.com or 01634 723659.

FOOTBALL

Wells and Erith battle for first trophy of 2011

THE first cup final of the season takes place on Sunday as Tunbridge Wells meet Erith Town in the Kent Senior Trophy.

A tight contest is expected, with little to choose between the sides in the Kent League table. Erith took four points from the two league meetings earlier this season, but go into the game on a poor run of form.

Wells, who have not won a trophy of any kind for 23 years, are likely to field three players who featured in the 2006 final, which they lost on penalties to VCD Athletic.

Kick-off at Welling United's Park View Road is at 3pm. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £3 for concessions and will be available on the gate.

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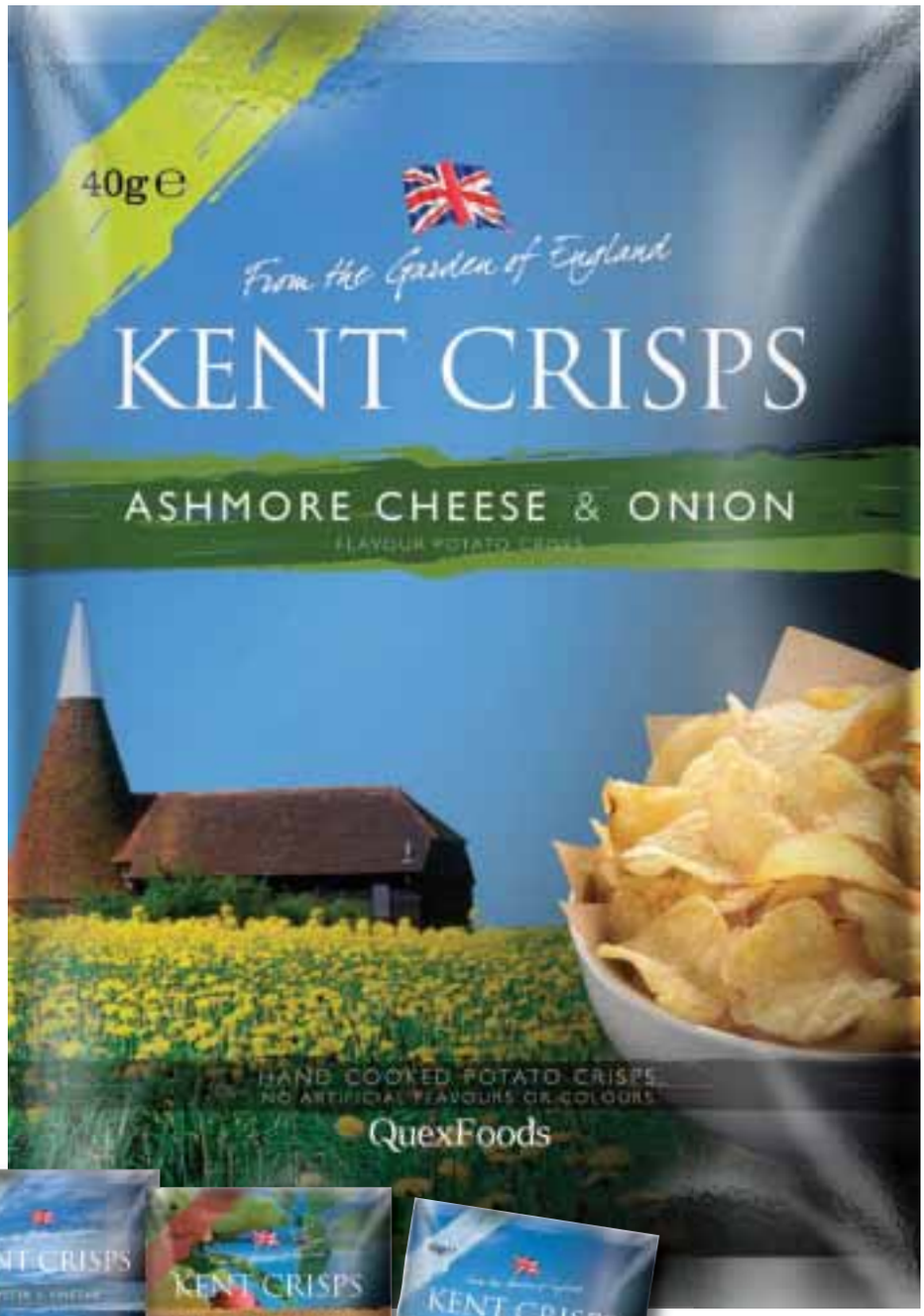

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